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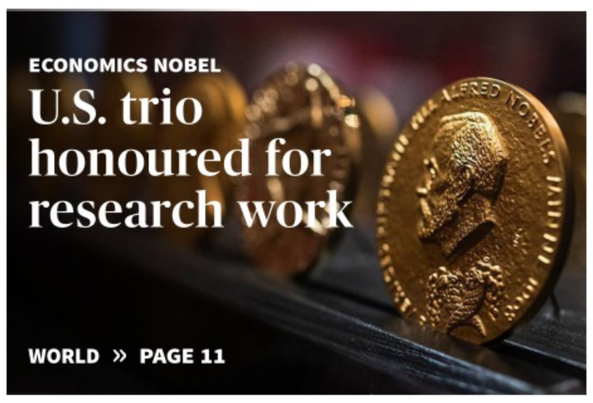

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SC Collegium resolves not to deliberate on appointments

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium has resolved not to undertake any further deliberations on 10 names identified for consideration as the top court judges as the Law Ministry has already sent its request to Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit to nominate his successor.

Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and S. Abdul Nazeer had objected to the CJI's proposal to recommend names for appointment as Supreme Court judges through circulation. Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and K.M. Joseph had concurred with the CJI's proposal, the collegium resolution said. It also said why the collegium was leaving "unfinished" the work of recommending new judges.

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Russia launches fresh attack with missile raids

The strikes, which come a day after a key bridge to Crimea was damaged, saw 75 missiles creating havoc in several cities across Ukraine, including Kyiv, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia and Lviv

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Russian forces launched a barrage of fatal bombardments across Ukraine early on Monday, in an apparent retaliation for an explosion that damaged a key bridge to Moscow-annexed Crimea.

The biggest wave of strikes across Ukraine in months killed at least five people in Kyiv and came hours ahead of a meeting of Russian President Vladimir Putin's security council. Ukraine's most senior military general said Russia had fired 75 missiles on cities across the country, in a wave of attacks that included Iranian drones.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in an address to the nation said the morning had been "difficult" and explained that Russian forces had two targets with its barrage of strikes. "They want panic and chaos and they want to destroy our energy system," Mr. Zelensky said, announcing that Russian bombs had targeted cities, including Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia and Lviv.

"The second target is people," he said.

Targeted strike: Police experts examine destroyed cars in the centre of Ukrainian capital of Kyiv after several Russian strikes. AFP

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India 'deeply concerned' over increase in violence

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Monday expressed "deep concern" over the escalating violence in Ukraine and called for an immediate return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue.

The remark came hours after Russia fired missiles at many cities of Ukraine, including Kyiv, which hosts hundred of Indians.

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SP founder, 3-time U.P. CM, Mulayam Singh passes away

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Samajwadi Party patriarch and three-time Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh passed away on Monday at a Gurugram hospital after a long spell of illness. He was 82.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and other top leaders expressed their grief, saying his death will leave a huge void.

As a mark of respect, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a three-day State mourning, and said Mr. Singh's last rites would be conducted with full State honours on Tuesday at his Saifai village.

Mr. Singh had been under treatment at the Medanta Hospital, where he was first admitted on August 22. He was battling multiple ailments, including breathing difficulties. On October 2, his health deteriorated, after which he was shifted to the ICU.

His son Akhilesh Yadav took to Twitter to announce the demise.

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Plan for flyover on Ballari Road

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Aggregator autos continue to ply

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The dictum of the Transport Department to stop auto services with immediate effect was not carried through on Monday, with taxi aggregators continuing to run autos.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Fishermen return home from a year in Bangladeshi prison

135 The number of fishermen to have returned home to South 24 Parganas, West Bengal after spending more than a year in a Bangladeshi jail, Sundarban Saamudrik Matsyajibi Sramik Union informed. Due to strong currents in the Bay of Bengal, eight trawlers entered the Bangladeshi waters in June last year. They were intercepted and handed over to Bangladeshi police. PTI

A significant growth in gems and jewellery export of India

27.17 In percentage, the rise in India's gems and jewellery exports to ₹30,195.21 crore in September this year compared to ₹23,743.46 the same month last year, according to the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council. For the period of April-September 2022, the overall exports saw a growth of 12.82% compared to the same period last year. PTI

The Navratri festival boosted retail vehicle sales in India: FADA

57 In percentage, the rise in vehicle retail sales in India during the Navratri festival this year, with a record sales of nearly 5.4 lakh units, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA). Total vehicle retail sales during Navratri stood at 3,42,459 last year, FADA said. Commercial vehicle retail also grew by 48.2% during Navratri this year . PTI

Lakhs affected in Uttar Pradesh floods; no dearth of rains

6 In lakh, the number of people impacted by floods in Uttar Pradesh according to the relief commissioner's office. On Monday, ten more people were killed in rain-related incidents in the State and more than 650 villages in 16 districts were affected by floods. According to officials, nine people were killed after heavy rains lashed down on several parts of U.P. on Sunday. PTI

The UN refugee body to take severe cuts if funding is stopped

10.7 In $ billion, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees's (UNHCR) budget this year. The UN agency will have to make "severe cuts" unless it gets extra funding soon. When asked which of the refugee programmes might be cut, the spokesperson expressed concerns about parts of West Asia, including Yemen, and Ethiopia. Reuters

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How Xi remade China's Party-State

While Xi Jinping's rapid accumulation of power through various policies such as a strict anti-corruption campaign and a remake of the Party-State system may have brought him firm unchallenged control, it has removed any and all space for dissent

WORLD INSIGHT

Ananth Krishnan

At the time of Xi Jinping's ascension in 2012 at the Communist Party of China's (CPC) 18th Congress, a vigorous debate was playing out in the pages of Communist Party newspapers between the party's 'Left' and 'Right' factions, each arguing for a different direction in the country's politics.

For the Mao-inspired Left, decades of Deng Xiaoping's reforms had only brought inequality and ideological confusion. It was time, they argued, to go back to the first principles. For those on the pro-market Right, the leadership change was an opportunity to finally push for stalled political reforms, and rule China not by Party power but by law and the constitution. Mr. Xi, the son of a reformist former Vice Premier, was their great hope.

Fast forward a decade, and the Party media is a very different beast. Some pro-reform outlets have been shut down and others have had their leadership replaced. Neo-Maoists have maintained a careful silence, breaking it only to praise the current helmsman. Indeed, there is no longer a discernible Left or Right faction, at least in public. Everything begins and ends, as editorials seem to declare on a daily basis, with Xi Jinping.

Absolute power: Chinese President Xi Jinping appears on-screen during an event marking the 100th anniversary of the Communist Party in 2021. GETTY IMAGES

The New Era

In recent days, many of the bridges that cross high above Beijing's ring roads have been decked in long, red banners hailing a "new era" in China's development. For anyone living in China this past decade, the phrase "new era" (or "xin shidai") immediately connotes one thing: it means the Xi era, which began in 2012.

Since taking over, Mr. Xi appears to have been in a hurry to refashion Chinese politics to define his era. As he opens the CPC's 20th Party Congress this week, he presides over a political landscape that is almost unrecognisable to what he saw when he took over in the midst of an unprecedented political scandal which embarrassed the party, involving the corrupt former Politburo member – and once Xi's rival – Bo Xilai and his wife's murder of a British businessman. When the CPC, last year, passed its third "historical resolution" in its 100-year history – the first in four decades – it alluded to this sense of crisis, noting that when Mr. Xi took over "previously lax and weak governance has enabled inaction and corruption to spread within the Party and led to serious problems in its political environment, which had harmed relations between the Party and the people and between officials and the public, weakened the Party's creativity, cohesiveness, and ability, and posed a serious test to its exercise of national governance." Mr. Xi, it declared, "solved many tough problems that were long on the agenda but never resolved and accomplished many things that were wanted but never got done."

Indeed, the party's sense of existential crisis at the 2012 transition played to Mr. Xi's advantage, who was given the mandate by the party's elders to keep the ship afloat. However, the former leaders who gave him carte blanche to clean the rot got much more than they bargained for.

The policies of Xi

Key to Mr. Xi's rapid accumulation of power was an anti-corruption campaign that was launched immediately after he took over. It laid down strict rules for Party members, which was welcomed by a weary public that had seen CPC officials amass fortunes. At the same time, it also neatly eliminated all of Mr. Xi's rivals. This gave him the political space to embark on a massive restructuring of the Party-State, which was completed in 2018, when the CPC unveiled an entirely new governance structure that, for the first time in decades, brought Party organs out of the shadows and placed them firmly in charge of the State bureaucracy.

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Also gone was the "collective leadership" model put in place after Deng, that saw a division of responsibilities in the top Politburo Standing Committee. The Premier was no longer given the reins of the economy, and was left to preside over a diminished State bureaucracy.

The Party-State division and system of parallel governance was designed to professionalise governance, particularly in running the economy. Mr. Xi collapsed that division, and his 2018 reforms declared that the "Party is the highest force for political leadership." Central leading groups that in the past held little sway over how the State executed policy were upgraded to "commissions". A new National Supervisory Commission was created to take over all anti-corruption work – the tip of Mr. Xi's spear.

The Central Commission for Comprehensively Deepening Reform, headed by Mr. Xi, displaced the bureaucrats of the State Council as the leading policy-making body, just as the Central Financial and Economic Affairs Commission and Central Foreign Affairs Commission asserted control over economic and diplomatic policies.

The main goal was to end "fiefdoms" that emerged in the Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao areas and put the party – and its "core" leader – in charge of all domains. The civil service – a state within a state – was similarly brought directly under the Central Organisation Department which now handles both Party and State. The Party's secretive Central United Front Work Department was placed in charge of running all religious and ethnic affairs, earlier managed by State commissions.

Cleaning up the army

Along with the overhaul of the political system was the reform of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) – the biggest of all fiefdoms – which all of Mr. Xi's predecessors, going back to Deng, had failed to do. Here too, the anti-corruption campaign, which struck fear in the Generals after Xi purged the PLA's two highest-ranking Generals who had been accused of running a "pay for post" military, allowed Mr. Xi to carry out what the PLA Daily described as "the largest scale military reform since the 1950s". The reforms ended the Soviet-style General Staff Departments, disbanding four vast bureaucracies handling staff, politics, logistics and armaments and bringing them under the direct control of the Central Military Commission. Seven sprawling military commands were consolidated into five theatre commands with a focus on jointness between forces.

Mr. Xi's remaking of the Party-State may have brought him firm unchallenged control but has removed any and all space for dissent. At the same time, it has also raised the stakes for China's leader as the country deals with a slowing economy and an unpopular "zero-COVID" regime at home, coupled with what many in Beijing see as an increasingly unfavourable environment abroad. If the party's successes in dealing with these challenges may, as its media reminds, rest on Mr. Xi, so will its failures.

This the first article of a three-part series looking at China's changing politics, economy and diplomacy in the Xi decade.

For the party: Chinese paramilitary officers march during the flag-lowering ceremony at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 2012. GETTY IMAGES

THE GIST

Since taking over the reigns of the Party in 2012 at the Communist Party of China's (CPC) 18th Congress, Mr. Xi appears to have been in a hurry to refashion Chinese politics to define his era. When the CPC, last year, passed its third "historical resolution" in its 100-year history — the first in four decades — it noted that when Mr. Xi took over, he "solved many tough problems that were long on the agenda but never resolved and accomplished many things that were wanted but never got done."

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Don't resort to red-tapism and let offenders go scot-free, says HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Drugs Control Department to register crimes in quick succession, and not resort to red-tapism and let the alleged offenders go scot-free by taking benefit of the provisions of the law, which limit the period for launching prosecution for violation of the law.

It should necessarily peruse and understand the statute for registration of crimes as delay will defeat the very object of penal action under the statute, the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order in a criminal proceeding, initiated under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, against a Jammu-based pharmaceutical company, its MD, and director (technical) in a case of allegedly supplying a drug of 'not of standard quality.' The petitioner company, M/s Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd. had questioned the trial court's March 2022 order of taking cognisance of offence on the complaint lodged by the Drugs Inspector.

The plaint was lodged only in 2018 even though a sample of the drug in question was seized in January 2012 and the Government Drug Testing Laboratory had given a test report in July 2012 indicating that the sample was of 'not of standard quality.' The company had responded to the Drug Inspector's notice in September 2012. However, the Inspector had submitted details before the Drugs Controller only October 2013 seeking the latter's sanction to prosecute the company, the court noted while pointing out that the Drugs Controller granted sanction in December 2017 and registered criminal case in January 2018.

The HC said that the trial court could not have proceeded against the company and its executives in view of the bar on taking cognisance of offence under Section 468 of the CrPC after lapse of period of limitation.

Now, BBMP plans to construct flyover between Chalukya Circle and Hebbal

A steel flyover project in 2016 had drawn widespread criticism, with BJP leaders, then in Opposition, also being vociferous critics; officials say no decision has been taken on whether the proposed flyover would be steel or concrete and that the feasibility report will throw light on these issues

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Years after the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) shelved the project of constructing a steel flyover between Basaveshwara Circle (Chalukya Circle) and Hebbal, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is now planning to carry out a feasibility study to construct a flyover on Ballari Road.

The BBMP officials said that in a recent high-level meeting with various department officials, the civic body proposed the plan to construct a flyover to decongest the busy stretch that links Central Business District with the northern parts of the city and Kempegowda International Airport.

"A private agency will be roped in to prepare a comprehensive report. The stretch is known for traffic snarls for years. To decongest the road, a flyover has been proposed. Thousands of people travelling to the airport will be benefited a lot," a senior BBMP official said. Earlier in 2016, the BDA had planned to construct a steel flyover on a stretch of 8 km from Chalukya Circle to Esteem Mall. However, the project was shelved after public backlash and strong opposition from the BJP.

The BBMP has planned to construct the flyover to decongest the busy stretch that links Central Business District with the northern parts of the city and Kempegowda International Airport. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The officials of the BBMP say that no decision has been taken yet on whether the proposed flyover would be steel or concrete. "The feasibility report will throw light on these issues," said an official. The stretch has many junctions, railway-over-bridge near Windsor Circe, bridges near CBI, veterinary colleges, underpass at Mehkri Circle, and others. According to BBMP, the feasibility report is likely to be ready in another two weeks.

On the other hand, the BDA has already proposed to link additional lanes to the existing Hebbal Flyover for the benefit of the motorists coming from airport side and entering the city. It has invited tender for completion of pending works of adding two lanes which was stalled in 2019, constructing an underpass and building a new flyover in the easter part of the flyover.

Earlier plan

Earlier, the BDA plans for the steel flyover was to have three flyover ramps and two underpasses. At Chalukya Circle, ramps will emerge from the Raj Bhavan side, from Race Course Road and Palace Road. One underpass will be built for traffic between Raj Bhavan Road and Race Course Road and another between Millers Road and Palace Road.

The BDA steel flyover project had drawn a lot of flak for its environmental impact at that time when the Congress-led government had proposed it. The residents and activists had opposed the decision for cutting down around 812 trees which were in the way of the proposed steel flyover.

The BJP, which was in the opposition, was a vocal opponent of the project and had criticised the then Siddaramaiah-led Congress government.

Protest by BU students after girl is injured in accident on campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The victim came under the rear wheels of the bus while trying to board it

Hundreds of students staged a protest at Jnanabharati campus of Bangalore University (BU) after a 22-year-old girl was injured while boarding a BMTC bus on October 10 morning.

The victim, Shilpashri, a native of Bangarpet who stays in the hostel and is pursuing a course in mathematics, was trying to board the bus through the front door. But the driver moved the bus even before she could board, resulting in her losing balance. She came under the rear wheels.

Other students rushed Shilpashri to a nearby hospital where she is being treated in the Intensive care unit.

The Jnanabharati traffic police have detained the driver and seized the bus.

'Deny entry'

Enraged students blocked roads, demanding that the authorities concerned deny use of the road inside the campus for public transport, as it is proving hazardous. The BBMP recently asphalted the road inside the campus and removed all the speed-breakers during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Students say that, since then, motorists have been driving in a rash manner.

Water pipe leakage: Another road caves in

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a worrying trend for motorists in Bengaluru, another road caved in on Sunday night in Kengeri. A similar incident was reported in Kundalahalli on Sunday morning.

The road near National Public School in Kengeri Satellite Town resulted in a sinkhole a few feet wide. Officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said that the road caved in after a BWSSB water pipe leakage, which led to the seepage. A senior BWSSB official said, "Pipeline burst early on Sunday night due to the sinkhole being created, now we are repairing the pipe and we will install a new pipe since the old one has to be removed owing to the damage."

"Water leakage from the pipeline had loosened the soil, causing the sinkhole on the road. Along with BBMP and traffic police officials, we are working to repair it soon," he added.

After multiple incidents of road cave-in in the city, BBMP has asked the BWSSB to repair the road. A senior BBMP official said that the BWSSB is responsible for repairs in such incidents.

On Sunday morning, a similar incident was reported in busy Kundalahalli Road in East Bengaluru. The reason was that the road caved in after a water pipe leakage, which led to the seepage.

As the repair work of Kundalahalli road continued on Monday, the traffic police advised the commuters to take alternative roads. In a statement regarding the work, BWSSB said, "Concrete has also been poured around the pipe to provide additional support to vibrations during the restoration process. The fixed joints on pipeline were tested as per norms and supply has been restored on the same day to the affected areas."

The BWSSB officials have taken up restoration work on the road that caved in Kengeri, Bengaluru, on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Youth electrocuted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 19-year-old working in a garage in Begur died of electrocution on Friday evening. He was electrocuted while washing a car with an electric water gun.

The deceased, Gnanavelu, had joined the garage at AECS Layout a month ago. Based on the plaint filed by Shiva D., the father, the Begur police registered a case of death due to negligence against the owner.

Entrance exam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The common entrance examination for candidates selected in Hassan Agniveer recruitment rally will be at Kittur Rani Chennamma stadium, on October 16.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public, that my clients **MRS.SOUMYA.K.S (SOUMYA KANAKATTE SATHYANARAYAN)**, W/o Mr.Ravishankar.G.M (Ravishankar Gaddehosur Mylaraiah), **AADHAR NO.4995 7248 7015** and **MR.RAVISHANKAR.G.M (RAVISHANKAR GADDEHOSUR MYLARAIAH)**, S/o. Sri.Mylaraiah.G.S., **AADHAR NO.8218 0458 8943**, intends to purchase the schedule property from **SRI.K.BASAVARAJU**, S/o. Late K.M.Chowdaiah, Residing at No.35, 2nd Cross, 7th Main, 3rd Phase, Bhagirathi Nagar, (Syndicate Bank Colony), BSK III Stage, Bangalore 560 085, **AADHAR NO.4015 0688 9618.**

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This is to inform the general public that, my client, Mrs.Latha.D.R W/o.Shivairumar.S.K, Aged about 27 years, residing at Dombaradoddi Village, Satanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District-562126 has LOST THE ORIGINAL GIFT DEED DATED 09.03.2018, REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO.KNK-1-13416/2017-2018 OF BOOK-I, STORED IN CD NO.KNKD513, REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, KANAKAPURA, LOST AT NEAR SATANUR BUS STAND, ON 15.09.2022, BETWEEN 5PM TO 6PM. A Complaint is lodged in online dated 10.10.2022 vide Lost Report bearing No.0353786/2022, Finders may return the same to the near Police Station or contact at the below address.

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ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS,
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No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/R2E/2022-23/256 Date: 03.10.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **252** SPQ (E) **2022** Bangalore dated 30.09.2022 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **30.09.2022.**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned **on or before 02.11.2022** Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands buy sale, Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 02.11.2022 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Enquiry Date: 02.11.2022 Time: 11.30 AM

Magadi Road Metro Station
Village : Ward No.56 Gopalapura Taluk: Bengaluru North District : Bengaluru

Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	L.A/CTS Sy.No.	B.B.M.P Property No.	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
1	Swashira Enterprises, S.Shivappa and M.Ravishankar Partner	EW-511	LA No.56 CTS No.740	PID No. 25-53-244/2-6	29.85
2.	1. S. Shivappa	EW-510	LA No.56 CTS No.740	PID No. 25-53-244/1	47.40
	2. B.S.Puttathayamma			PID No. 25-53-244/2	
	3. M.Ravishankar			PID No. 25-53-244/3	
3.	S.Shivappa	EW-510	LA No.56 CTS No.740	PID No. 25-53-242	15.82

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02.11.22	HYDERABAD
03.11.22	GUNTAKAL.
04.11.22	GUNTUR
07.11.22	NANDED
08.11.22	SECUNDERABAD
09.11.22	LALLAGUDA
10.11.22	RAYANAPADU
11.11.22	TIRUPATI
14.11.22	VIJAYAWADA
15.11.22	HYDERABAD
16.11.22	GUNTAKAL
17.11.22	GUNTUR
18.11.22	NANDED
21.11.22	SECUNDERABAD
22.11.22	LALLAGUDA
23.11.22	RAYANAPADU
24.11.22	TIRUPATI
25.11.22	VIJAYAWADA
28.11.22	HYDERABAD
29.11.22	GUNTAKAL
30.11.22	VIJAYAWADA HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

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07.12.22	NANDED
08.12.22	SECUNDERABAD
09.12.22	LALLAGUDA
12.12.22	RAYANAPADU
13.12.22	TIRUPATI
14.12.22	VIJAYAWADA
15.12.22	HYDERABAD
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29.12.22	HYDERABAD
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Throttled at the grass roots: how to strengthen decentralised governance

Local governments remain hamstrung and ineffective — mere agents to do the bidding of higher level governments. To curb these tendencies, gram sabhas and wards committees in urban areas have to be revitalised

T.R. Raghunandan

Its been 30 years since the 73rd amendment, which envisages a three tier Panchayat Raj System at the village, intermediate and district levels, was tabled in Parliament. This article by T.R. Raghunandan on September 9, 2019, talks about the failings of decentralisation and what must be done to revitalise gram sabhas and local government.

For the people: Villagers stand in queue as they wait to cast their vote for Odisha's panchayat elections in Khordha district. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Democratic decentralisation is barely alive in India. Over 25 years after the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments (they mandated the establishment of panchayats and municipalities as elected local governments) devolved a range of powers and responsibilities and made them accountable to the people for their implementation, very little and actual progress has been made in this direction. Local governments remain hamstrung and ineffective; mere agents to do the bidding of higher level governments. Democracy has not been enhanced in spite of about 32 lakh peoples' representatives being elected to them every five years, with great expectation and fanfare.

The ground report

Devolution, envisioned by the Constitution, is not mere delegation. It implies that precisely defined governance functions are formally assigned by law to local governments, backed by adequate transfer of a basket of financial grants and tax handles, and they are given staff so that they have the necessary wherewithal to carry out their responsibilities. Above all, local governments are to report primarily to their voters, and not so much to higher level departments.

Yet, none of this has happened, by a long shot. Where did we go wrong? Was the system designed to fail?

The Constitution mandates that panchayats and municipalities shall be elected every five years and enjoins States to devolve functions and responsibilities to them through law. This is regarded as a design weakness, but on closer look, is not one. Given diverse habitation patterns, political and social history, it makes sense to mandate States to assign functions to local governments. A study for the Fourteenth Finance Commission by the Centre for Policy Research, shows that all States have formally devolved powers with respect to five core functions of water supply, sanitation, roads and communication, streetlight provision and the management of community assets to the gram panchayats.

Key issues

The constraint lies in the design of funding streams that transfer money to local governments. First, the volume of money set apart for them is inadequate to meet their basic requirements. Second, much of the money given is inflexible; even in the case of untied grants mandated by the Union and State Finance Commissions, their use is constrained through the imposition of several conditions. Third, there is little investment in enabling and strengthening local governments to raise their own taxes and user charges. The last nail in the devolution coffin is that local governments do not have the staff to perform even basic tasks. Furthermore, as most staff are hired by higher level departments and placed with local governments on deputation, they do not feel responsible to the latter; they function as part of a vertically integrated departmental system.

If these structural problems were not bad enough, in violation of the constitutional mandate of five yearly elections to local governments, States have often postponed them. In 2005, when the Gujarat government postponed the Ahmedabad corporation elections, a Supreme Court constitutional bench held that under no circumstances can such postponements be allowed. Subsequently, the Supreme Court rejected other alibis for election postponement, such as delays in determining the seat reservation matrix, or fresh delimitation of local government boundaries. Yet, in Tamil Nadu, panchayat elections have not been held for over two years now, resulting in the State losing finance commission grants from the Union government.

Downside of centralisation

Successive Union governments have made a big noise about local involvement in a host of centrally designed programmes, but this does not constitute devolution. Indeed, the current Union government has further centralised service delivery by using technology, and panchayats are nothing more than front offices for several Union government programmes. The beaming of homilies over the radio to captive audiences of local government representatives does nothing to strengthen local governments.

Union programme design for cities is inimical to decentralisation. The 'Smart City' programme does not devolve its funds to the municipalities; States have been forced to constitute 'special purpose vehicles' to ring fence these grants lest they are tainted by mixing them up with municipality budgets. There cannot be a greater travesty of devolution.

Sadly, except for a few champions of decentralisation in politics and civil society, people do not distinguish the level of government that is tasked with the responsibility of delivering local services. Therefore, there is no outrage when the local government is shortchanged; citizens may even welcome it.

On corruption

Are local governments as corrupt as they are alleged to be? Doubtless, criminal elements and contractors are attracted to local government elections, tempted by the large sums of money now flowing to them. They win elections through bribing voters and striking deals with different groups. Furthermore, higher officers posted at the behest of Members of Legislative Assemblies, often on payment of bribes, extract bribes from local governments for plan clearances, approving estimates and payments. Thus, a market chain of corruption operates, involving a partnership between elected representatives and officials at all levels. Yet, there is no evidence to show that corruption has increased due to decentralisation. Decentralised corruption tends to get exposed faster than national or State-level corruption. People erroneously perceive higher corruption at the local level, simply because it is more visible.

To curb these tendencies, first, gram sabhas and wards committees in urban areas have to be revitalised. The constitutional definition of a gram sabha is that it is an association of voters. Because of our erroneous belief that the word 'sabha' means 'meeting', we try to regulate how grama sabha meetings are held and pretend that we are strengthening democracy. Cosmetic reforms of the gram sabha by videography of their meetings, does little for democracy. Consultations with the grama sabha could be organised through smaller discussions where everybody can really participate. Even new systems of Short Message Services, or social media groups could be used for facilitating discussions between members of a grama sabha. Second, local government organisational structures have to be strengthened. Panchayats are burdened with a huge amount of work that other departments thrust on them, without being compensated for the extra administrative costs. Local governments must be enabled to hold State departments accountable and to provide quality, corruption free service to them, through service-level agreements.

Third, we cannot have accountable GPs, without local taxation. Local governments are reluctant to collect property taxes and user charges fully. They are happy to implement top-down programmes because they know that if they collect taxes, their voters will never forgive them for misusing their funds. The connection between tax payment and higher accountability is well known, but we wish to ignore these lessons.

India's efforts in decentralisation represent one of the largest experiments in deepening democracy. Decentralisation is always a messy form of democracy, but it is far better than the operation of criminal politicians at the higher level who appropriate huge sums of tax-payer money, without any of us having a clue. We can keep track of corrupt local government representatives; at the higher level, we will never know the extent of dirty deals that happen. We have given ourselves a reasonably robust democratic structure for local governance over the last two decades and more. It is for us to give life to this structure, through the practice of a robust democratic culture. If we do not tell our higher level governments to get off our backs so that we can better govern ourselves, they will not. It is as important to tell higher level governments to stay away as it is for us to hold our local governments to account.

T.R. Raghunandan is former Secretary, Panchayati Raj, Government of Karnataka

ABSTRACT

The adverse economic effects of festivals

How patron festivals of Mexico when coinciding with the planting and harvesting season negatively affected economic growth

Prashanth Perumal

"Religious festivals and economic development: Evidence from the timing of Mexican saint day Festivals," Eduardo Montero and Dean Yang, October 2022, American Economic Review, Vol. 112, No. 10

As the festival season kicks off in India, businesses are excited about rising sales as consumers spend more money on buying new stuff. Many economists view the festival season as a great time for the economy, as they believe increased consumer demand will boost economic activity. But what impact do festivals have on the supply side of the economy? After all, as some heterodox economists would argue, there can be no consumption until there is production of goods and services in the first place. So, do festivals help the economy grow faster or do they slow down the pace of economic growth?

The impact on supply

"Religious festivals and economic development: Evidence from the timing of Mexican saint day festivals," a paper by Eduardo Montero and Dean Yang, tries to answer this question. The authors study the impact of Catholic patron saint day festivals in Mexico on agricultural output and its long-term economic effects on different communities. The patron saint day festivals happen at different times in different municipalities of Mexico depending on local customs. This gives the researchers the opportunity to determine how the timing of these festivals could affect economic output in different municipalities.

Montero and Yang argue that when festival dates fall during the planting and harvesting seasons, this can negatively affect economic output. This is because labour and other resources get redirected towards festival-related activities rather than being invested in agricultural activities. When this happens, the negative economic effects may be particularly pronounced. In other words, festivals can come with a higher opportunity cost when they happen during certain seasons of the agricultural cycle. Festivals may also lead people to increase their consumption, which in turn lowers investment and significantly affects long-run economic growth. To be precise, the authors estimate that in the long-run, that is over two centuries, regions in which festivals coincided with the planting and harvesting seasons can end up with 20% lower household incomes.

Community ties

The authors, however, note that the festivals that coincide with crucial agricultural seasons may have some benefit in terms of promoting bonds within the community. In such cases, it could very well be that certain communities are willing to pay the economic price for better community ties. But one of the reasons people are willing to pay this economic price for festivals, the authors argue, could be that they do not really understand the actual long-term costs of their religious traditions. For example, as Montero and Yang note in their paper, an annual economic underperformance of even just 0.1% when compounded over 200 years can cause a 20% lesser income. This fact may not always be clear to people when they make their choices.

THE DAILY QUIZ

As the celebrated artiste Amitabh Bachchan turns 80 on October 11, a quiz on the legendary Indian icon

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
What first name did Harivanshrai and Teji Bachchan initially consider for their first-born and which famous poet suggested that he be named Amitabh?

QUESTION 2
Amitabh's film debut was as a voice-over artist in a film directed by a legendary director from West Bengal. Name the film and director.

QUESTION 3
In which 1969 film did Amitabh Bachchan make his acting debut in the Hindi film industry?

QUESTION 4
In the comic series *The Adventures of Amitabh Bachchan* published in the 1980s, what was the name of Amitabh Bachchan's alter ego who had superpowers?

QUESTION 5
What is common to Jalsa, Janak, Prateeksha and Vatsa?

QUESTION 6
Which training institution was described by Amitabh Bachchan as the perfection of command, etiquette, order, and regimentation?

QUESTION 7
What is common to his roles in *Guddi*, *Chhoti Si Baat*, and *Jalwa*?

QUESTION 8
From which Lok Sabha constituency did Amitabh Bachchan get elected in 1984?

QUESTION 9
What premiered on July 3, 2000 that brought about a dramatic change in Amitabh's career?

Visual Question:
Amitabh Bachchan is seen with his 'star' family after receiving which international award bestowed on him in 2007 for his contribution to Indian and international cultural life? FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This Romanian player who is 7 ft 7 inches played six seasons in the NBA, largely for the Washington Bullets. **Ans: Gheorghe Muresan**
2. This player who is 7 ft 7 inches belongs to an ethnic group which is considered to have the tallest people in Africa. **Ans: Manute Bol from the Dinka tribe**
3. This 7 ft 6 inches tall player is considered the most accomplished player in terms of overall performance for anyone above 7 ft 4 inches in the NBA. **Ans: Yao Ming**
4. This 7 ft 8 inches tall Japanese player was drafted by the Golden State Warriors in 1981 but did not get a chance to play. **Ans: Yasutaka Okayama**
5. This 7 ft 3 inches tall Serbian player, was the villain in the film *John Wick: Chapter 3-Parabellum.* **Ans: Boban Marjanovic**
Visual: This 7ft 4 inches tall hoopster holds the single season record for the most "blocked shots per game" at 5.6. **Ans: Mark Eaton**
Early Birds: Abeer Goel| Varghese Joseph
Compiled by: Colonel Vembu Shankar, SC

Word of the day

Bedlam:
a state of extreme confusion and disorder

Synonyms:
chaos, topsy-turvyness, pandemonium

Usage: *There was bedlam in the city after the verdict was announced*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/bedlampro

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Tele-MANAS, 24/7 mental health facility launched

For the Union government's initiative, NIMHANS has been identified as nodal centre while IITB will provide technological support

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The Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) initiative, which is based on Karnataka's initiative of the same name, was launched on Monday during the 26th Convocation of National Institute of Mental Health And Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) by Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers.

The 24/7 mental health facility was launched on World Mental Health Day to provide universal access to equitable, affordable and quality mental health care through tele-services under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP).

First in Karnataka

E-MANAS, the tele-counselling programme, was launched by the State government during the first wave of COVID-19 in association with NIMHANS to help people through the stress of the pandemic and lockdown. Eventually, the State also introduced an online counselling helpline for students during the announcement of class 10 results. Health Minister K. Sudhakar said that 23 lakh people has taken tele-counselling so far making it the one-stop centre for mental health in the State.

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>
> **K. SUDHAKAR**
> Health Minister

For the Union government's initiative, NIMHANS Bengaluru has been identified as the nodal centre while the International Institute of Information Technology, Bengaluru (IIITB) will provide technological support. With a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, those who dial the helpline can have their choice of language to avail services.

Accordingly, the calls would be rerouted to the tele-facilities in the respective States and Union Territories.

"The Tele-MANAS cells will provide basic support and counselling, as well as linkages with mental health professionals, eSanjeevini, Ayushman Bharat health and wellness centres and emergency psychiatric facilities. Eventually, this will become a programme focused on the entire spectrum of mental wellness and illness and integrate all systems that provide mental health care," said a press release from NIMHANS, Bengaluru. It also said that NIMHANS had conducted training for 900 tele-MANAS counsellors from many States and Union Territories for the initiative.

Permanent system

Speaking during the launch, Dr. Sudhakar said that Karnataka's commitment to mental healthcare was not just limited to the pandemic. "We are establishing permanent systems to ensure good mental healthcare for all. One such initiative has been the tele-mentoring programmes. Along with NIMHANS, our PHC doctors will be trained to treat people for mental health and other brain related illnesses."

He also said that a day in the week will be dedicated for the task at Primary and Secondary Health Centers across the State. The Minister also highlighted the district-level mental health programmes and other mental health initiatives of the State.

Award winners talk about interesting cases, future plans

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National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru
10th October 2022
26th CONVOCATION
Convocation Center, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
Students who topped in their respective degrees at the 26th convocation of NIMHANS in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Anush Rangarajan S., who won the silver jubilee award for the Best Outgoing Student in DM Neurology, wants to spread awareness about the golden hour period for stroke patients. He recalled how a stroke patient came in with a critical occlusion in the back of the brain three days after the incident. "We had some advanced imaging facilities and found out that he might still survive if we did the procedure. He was in coma when I saw him, but six months later, he came walking to see us. The golden hour period was six hours before, but it has now been extended to 24 hours," he said. Dr. Anush is currently working at Narayana Health.

While K. Pramod, who won the Dr. Usha Punja Award for Best Outgoing Student in DM Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical care is already getting trained at Cambridge University in the UK, he plans to come back to India and work at NIMHANS post his training. He said that the equipment and technology at NIMHANS is on a par with international facilities.

Souvik Singha who won the silver jubilee award for the Best Outgoing Student in MCh Neurosurgery said he had operated on aneurysms and difficult tumours and it was gratifying to see the patients recover.

NIMHANS makes new strides

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Despite seeing a slight dip in the number of out patients (4,65,101) during the year 2021-22, the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) made several technological advancements through the course of the year. The institution also saw a 400% increase (1,000 surgeries in total) in the gamma cranial radiosurgeries when compared to the previous years, revealed Pratima Murthy, Director, NIMHANS, during the 26th convocation ceremony on Monday.

She also said that with round-the-clock imaging services, the waiting time for MRI scans has reduced at NIMHANS. Along with the cranial radio surgery system, the institution has also procured the latest navigational guiding surgeon controlled robotic alignment system to improve the efficiency of neurosurgical procedures.

It was also mentioned that a 30-bed state-of-the-art facility which was opened under the Department of Integrated Medicines, with separate beds for adults and children, are fully operational while 122-bed neurology and neurosurgery wards with multiple specialties have also been opened. Further, a 20-bed neurology and neurosurgery centre was also opened to decongest emergency services, the director said.

A total of 347 graduates under 90 academic courses across 30 departments received degrees during the convocation ceremony.

Health Minister K. Sudhakar handed over the degrees while Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot delivered the convocational address. Alongside, 22 students (including those in absentia) were given special awards.

INBRIEF

Cases booked against three dyeing units for fish kill

Following a complaint by the official of Doddathoguru Gram Panchayat, the Electronics City police have registered cases against three owners of dyeing units for allegedly releasing effluents to Mylasandra lake and resulting in fish kill in hundreds of numbers. The fish kill was reported on Saturday. Secretary of the panchayat Jagadish, in his complaint, said that the incident came to light after Kanikraj who had received a contract for fish farming in the lake noticed dead fish floating during his routine visit. Officials found out that one of the dyeing units named Hamsa was illegally operating from a godown.

SWR opens Aadhaar centre at KSR Bengaluru station

The South Western Railway (SWR) opened its first Arehaar center at KSR Bengaluru City Railway Station on Monday. Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh inaugurated the centre. In a press release, the SWR has stated that the centre is open for the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (from Monday to Saturday). Services such as Aadhaar generation, mandatory biometric update, Aadhaar search using e-KYC and other other card-related services are available.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 11, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- World Insight | How Xi remade China's Party-State
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Policeman arrested for stealing cash

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BENGALURU

The Chandra Layout police have arrested a head constable working in their station for stealing ₹10 lakh from a realtor. The accused Mahendra Gowda had caught Lingesh, a relator, with unaccounted cash of ₹50 lakh. While Lingesh was taken to the station, Gowda stole ₹10 lakh from the bag. When Lingesh got to know about the missing sum, he filed a complaint suspecting the role of Gowda.

Timings
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TUESDAY, OCT. 11	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:03
RISE 19:14	SET 07:14
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:03
RISE 19:56	SET 08:06
THURSDAY, OCT. 13	
RISE 06:10	SET 18:02
RISE 20:40	SET 08:59

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	31	19
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

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Taxi aggregators continue to run autos even as drivers protest accusing officials of harassment

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The dictum of the Transport Department to stop auto services with immediate effect was not carried through on Monday, with taxi aggregators continuing to run autorickshaws.

However, regular passengers said that fares charged by the aggregators on Monday were comparatively lower than what was charged three days ago.

On October 6, the department had directed taxi aggregators Ola, Uber and Rapido to immediately stop auto services on charges of collecting exorbitant fares from passengers. Even for a short distance of 2 km, passengers were forced to spend over ₹100. They flouted fare rules fixed by the Regional Transport Authority (RTA), said officials. In 2021, the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner-headed RTA had fixed ₹30 as basic fare for 2 km and ₹15 thereafter for every km.

Protest staged

On Monday, the department was criticised for allowing the aggregators to continue auto services. The officials' alleged attempt to impound autos attached with the aggregators received strong resistance from the drivers at Jayanagar RTO. The auto drivers staged a protest accusing the department officials of harassing them.

Dinesh Gowda, an auto driver said, "Instead of taking action against the aggregators, the department has targeted the drivers by impounding our vehicles. They booked autos disguised as passengers. When the autos reached the pick point, the vehicle was impounded. This has angered the auto drivers and they staged protest. Later, the senior officials intervened and released the vehicles."

Mr. Gowda said that six autos were impounded by the officials.

Hemanth, another driver, said: "Aggregators have been fleecing the passengers by charging hefty fares but drivers have no role in this. We want an alternative platform that protects the interest of the passengers as well as the drivers."

When asked about the department officials impounding vehicles, Transport Commissioner T.H.M. Kumar told *The Hindu* that no drives were carried out in the city related to recent developments. "On Monday, our officials were doing regular checking. It has got nothing to do with recent development. A few cases were booked for not possessing fitness certificates and violating other rules. An auto that was impounded was released later," he said.

The Commissioner said that all the three aggregators have given detailed reply to the notices issued by the Transport Department on charging excessive fare. "In their defence, they have claimed that no rules were flouted while charging fares. They have also said that they are providing auto services that are safe and comfortable to passengers. They also said that they would meet us in person to explain their stand. Considering their request, we have given them an opportunity to meet on Tuesday," he said.

The official added till the meeting is held, the department has allowed the aggregators to continue auto services.

(With inputs from Priyal Mishra and Namrata Bagchi)

Civic body resumes drive against encroachments

The BBMP demolishing an encroachment on a drainage in Whitefield, Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After Dasara holidays, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) resumed the anti-encroachment drive in various parts of the city on Monday.

Based on a survey by the Revenue Department, the BBMP officials resumed the drive in Mahadevapura and K.R. Puram. The civic body officials said that they demolished illegal encroachments near Sheelavanthakere lake near Whitefield. "A 10-m slab built on the rajakaluve, a 4-m compound wall, and four sheds were removed in Whitefield," officials said.

In K.R. Puram, the civic body officials demolished a 10-m-long compound wall of an apartment, a compound wall of two houses and one shed near Basavanapura ward, according to BBMP officials.

After heavy rain, which led to a flood-like situation in the city, especially in the IT corridor last month, the BBMP started an anti-encroachment drive and had removed illegal structures in various zones. However, starting this month, the BBMP stopped the drive citing a pending survey of encroachments.

On September 30, the High Court of Karnataka orally warned that if encroachments are not cleared soon, salaries of BBMP's chief engineers will be withheld. Till September, the BBMP cleared 94 illegal encroachments.

State's in-service medical seat quota cut

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Karnataka's share of in-service quota postgraduate (PG) medical seats for the academic year 2022-23 is down by 192. In 2021-22, the State had a total of 398 PG medical in-service quota seats. This year it is 206.

The State government has reserved 70% of PG medical seats for non-service doctors and 30% seats for government in-service doctors.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has released 4,157 PG medical and dental course seat matrix for the 2022-23 academic year. But the seat matrix for Diplomate of National Board (DNB) courses is yet to be released.

The State government has not published the gazette notification for PGNEET-2022 counselling. However, it has released the PG medical seat matrix and started the counselling process. Within the 30% of in-service quota seats, the government has allotted 77% for Health and Family Welfare Department doctors, 12% for autonomous institutions, 6% for BBMP, and 5% seats for boards and corporation doctors.

The Directorate of Medical Education (DME) has released a list of 130 in-service medical officers in the final eligibility list.

Owing to the lack of aspirants, the DME has not reserved any seats for BBMP in-service doctors. But in the KEA PG medical seat matrix list, 13 seats are allotted for BBMP doctors.

Six names added

There appears to be a mismatch in the doctors' list, which is published by KEA and DME. The DME has announced 116 final eligible in-service medical officers' list, who are working in the Health and Family Welfare Department. However, in the KEA provisional verified list six doctors have been added. In the KEA list all these six candidates are mentioned as in-service doctors of Health and Family Welfare Department. But these six names are not in the final eligible in-service medical officers list of the department.

An in-service doctor, who did not wish to be named, said: "Last year there were 398 MD and MS seats, and 114 DNB seats. But we don't know why the government has cut 192 PG medical seats in our State's share this year. If there are not enough eligible candidates, the remaining seats can be re-distributed to non-service doctors. Last year also the government gave back over 100 DNB seats to the National Testing Agency, before the second round PG medical counselling."

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INBRIEF

Rahul to address public rally in Ballari on October 15

Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi, whose Bharat Jodo Yatra is passing through Karnataka, is set to address a public rally in Ballari in October 15. Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah held a preparatory meeting on Monday at Raichur in this regard. Meanwhile, the yatra passed through Tumakuru and entered Chitradurga in central Karnataka on Monday. It will then move to northern districts.

BJP leaders to start State tour from Raichur today

The State-wide yatra of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to boost BJP's fortunes will start from Raichur Rural Assembly constituency on Tuesday. According to the schedule, leaders will visit Raichur Rural and Maski - both constituencies reserved for STs and currently held by Congress legislators.

Brahmins are the 'real minorities': Yatnal

Describing Brahmins as "real minorities" in the country, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, MLA and BJP leader, said in Vijayapura on Monday claimed that Muslims were "not the minorities." "The real minorities in India are Brahmins. The other minorities are Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists. How can a community that is around 12%-15% be considered minorities?'' the former Union Minister told journalists. In Karnataka, Brahmins are between 1.5%-3%, he said.

He made efforts to ensure SP took roots in State, but in vain

Mulayam Singh Yadav is learnt to have believed the party had space in OBC politics in Karnataka; in 2018, Samajwadi Party came close to having a pre-poll alliance with the JD (S), but it did not happen as the latter went with Mayawati's BSP

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Samajwadi Party (SP) supremo and three-time Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mulayam Singh Yadav, who successfully brought together OBC votes in his home State, tried a political experiment in Karnataka too, though not successfully.

While he continued to maintain a good relationship with the Janata Parivar leaders, especially former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, he launched SP in Karnataka. Initially, he is learnt to have believed the party had space in OBC politics here.

His party's fortunes seemed to look up when the then OBC leader and former Chief Minister S. Bangarappa joined SP in 2005 and won the byelection from Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency. Attempts were made in this phase to bring OBCs together with also a possibility of forming a third front with the JD(S), which was in alliance with the Congress at the time of Bangarappa joining the party. This hope, however, was short-lived as Bangarappa quit SP in 2009.

In 2013, former Minister C.P. Yogeshwar won on the SP ticket in Channapatna, defeating Mr. Gowda's daughter-in-law Anita Kumaraswamy in an election that saw Akhilesh Yadav campaigning for the party. The SP supremo also appointed former top police officer Shankar Bidari as the State unit president to revive the party, but those attempts too failed.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda embracing Samajwadi Party supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav while Ajit Singh looks on at a kisan rally in Lucknow in 2003; (right) Mulayam Singh Yadav with SP general secretary Amar Singh and president of Karnataka Pradesh Samajwadi Party S. Bangarappa at the inauguration of the State-level convention of the party in Bengaluru in 2005.

"He [Mulayam Singh] was a keen observer of Karnataka politics. Once he had given a notice in Lok Sabha to speak on Cauvery issue but that did not happen. He had asked us to wait for a good OBC leader to revive the party, which unfortunately did not happen," former SP State unit president Robin Mathews recalled. He took part in huge rallies held in Davangere in 2005 and at Chitradurga and Chennapatna in 2013, he said, adding that plans to bring him to Karnataka again did not fructify due to failing health.

In 2018, SP came close to strike a pre-poll alliance with the JD(S), but did not happen as the latter went with Mayawati's BSP for the polls. However, the party officially extended its support to the JD(S) during subsequent polls after the fall of the JD(S)-Congress coalition government.

Mulayam Singh, who worked as Defence Minister in the United Front government under Mr. Deve Gowda, was the one who announced the latter's name after emerging from Rashtrapati Bhavan when he had been chosen to be the leader of the coalition of 13 parties.

JD(S) sources said that both leaders continued to maintain a good relationship even after the fall of the UF government. "Mr. Deve Gowda had advised the Yadav clan during the family bickering that later resulted in the separation of brothers Mulayam and Shivpal," said a party source. Recently, when efforts were made to revive Janata Parivar, both were in close touch. According to MLC K.A. Thippeswamy, Mulayam Singh took Mr. Deve Gowda for election campaigns in Uttar Pradesh since he connected well with farmers.

Several leaders condoled the death of the leader, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and Mr. Deve Gowda among others.

HDK opposes report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing shock over the report on Hindi implementation submitted to the President by a committee headed by Home Minister Amit Shah, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday said that it was another attempt to destroy the federal structure with a dictatorial attitude.

"It is a hidden agenda of the Central government to capture the country. I am shocked at the recommendation. It is an attempt to trample upon the regional languages and make Hindusthan by imposing Hindi. The country will never accept one language rule," he said on Twitter.

Man washed away in Bhima

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Suresh, 40, resident of J.P. Nagar in Bengaluru, who came to visit Bhagyawanti temple at Ghattaragi village in Afzalpur taluk of Kalaburagi district, was washed away in the Bhima on Monday. Despite the efforts of the fire personnel and the police, he was not found till evening.

The police said Suresh had come with his wife Padma Priya and daughter Neha. Before visiting the temple, he stepped into the river to take a bath and was washed away.

Over a decade since closure, Ballari mine workers still await justice

Kumar Buradikatti
KALABURAGI

Yeriswamy, from Ranjitpur village in Sandur taluk of Ballari district, worked for 11 years in Bharat Mines & Minerals (BMM), one of the mining companies that operated in the mineral-rich Ballari district. He entered the company in 2000 as a field labourer for monthly wages of ₹700 and rose to the position of a supervisor with his monthly wages touching ₹5,000 a month in 2011. Like most of his colleagues, he worked for 24 hours every alternate day, with the intervening day being an off.

A view of a mined area in Ballari. FILE PHOTO

Sudden loss of jobs

But one day in 2011, he was asked not to report to work. He was told that the company had stopped its operations following the Supreme Court order and offered a one-time payment of ₹52,000 as compensation. He was also assured that he would be taken back when the company resumes operations. That day never came.

He has since taken up many jobs, from watchman to an agriculture labourer, struggling to take care of his family.

Mr. Yeriswamy is among over 30,000 mine workers who were fired from their work in 2011 following the Supreme Court order for the closure of all mines in Ballari, in view of rampant illegal mining and the environmental devastation it caused.

The labourers who thus lost their jobs are from the most disadvantaged sections in Ballari district. They worked as operators of earthmovers, truck drivers, cleaners, loaders, blasters and many more odd jobs in hazardous working conditions of the iron ore, manganese and other mines, often without proper safety equipment and basic facilities. Most of them were never paid minimum wages, as the Labour Department looked the other way.

In 2013, some of the mine workers formed a union and began pressing for their rights. The recent reopening of A and B category mines had triggered new hopes of reemployment, but they were short-lived. Now, it is mostly migrant workers from other States who are employed through labour contracts and sub-contracts.

To demand for their rights, the workers are now holding a padayatra from Sandur to Ballari. It is scheduled to be flagged off by activist Medha Patkar at Sandur APMC at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and will culminate at the Ballari Deputy Commissioner's office on Thursday.

Their demands include the reemployment of retrenched workers in the same mining companies as per the provisions of the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 and payment of compensation of ₹5 lakh to each retrenched worker among other things.

"The mining companies violated all laws while closing their operations in 2011. They paid the salaries, and in some cases, gave lumpsum amount, and asked the workers not to report to duty. Mine owners made profits and went away and we cannot approach them. The government should address our issues at least now as mining has partially resumed," Y. Gopi, president of the Ballari Mine Workers Union, said.

Judicial custody of seer extended till October 21

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The judicial custody of Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who was arrested under POCSO Act in connection with the sexual harassment of minor girls, has been extended till October 21.

As the judicial custody of the seer ended on Monday, he was produced in the Second Additional District and Sessions court. After hearing the matter, Second Additional District and Sessions judge B.K. Komala issued an order extending the judicial custody till October 21.

The seer was arrested by the police on September 1.

Meanwhile, a section of the devotees have begun a movement seeking appointment of a new seer for the mutt. Former administrator of the mutt S.K. Basavarajan has also demanded appointment of a new seer to preserve the heritage of the mutt.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

Dr. D. Leela Devi (79)

Retd. Research officer I.C.F.R Bangalore daughter of late Divakaruni Venkateshwarlu and Annapoorna passed away on 8th Oct 2022 at Kochi. She is survived by her Husband Mr. K.G.Girijavallabhan Principal Scientist (Retd.) I.C.A.R. and her daughters Mrs. Annapoorni D.V.G. and Mrs. Anuradha D.V.

Sons in Law: Mr. Satish. B. Menon & Mr. Ramesh Kumar. N. Pillai

Grandson: Rohit Ramesh Pillai

Mob: No: 09497188838, 08547332540

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SECOND YEAR REMEMBRANCE

N. KANDASWAMY
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Two years gone by and not a day goes by without thinking about you!

Wife: Sasirekha. K
Daughters:
Jayanthi Manikandan and Nithya Thirumani
Sons-in-law: Manikandan.P and Thirumani. S
Loving grandchildren

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
Date: October 10, 2022

Applications are invited from interested reputable Car Hiring Agencies / Companies for Empanelment to render vehicles on rate contract for a period of one year from 2.11.2022. The Technical and Commercial Bid Formats may be downloaded from ISEC website: www.isec.ac.in. The Technical Bid and the Financial Bid needs to be submitted in SEPARATE COVERS. The Tender Document, duly filled and signed on all pages along with a DD for Rs.100/- drawn in favour of The Registrar, ISEC, Bengaluru, may be submitted in sealed cover on or before October 20, 2022 to **The Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru 560 072**, OR dropped in Tender Box in the Office of the Registrar. Any tenders received after this date shall not be entertained. Selection / Cancellation will be at the sole discretion of ISEC authority. The Tenders shall be opened on October 21, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. in the Institute Premises.

ISEC-22317 **Registrar**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
PALAR BASIN CIRCLE, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 005.

Form of Contract :Lumpsum - Item Rate Contract
Short Term Tender Notice (Two Cover System)
Short Term Tender Notice No.13 PBC / 2022-23 / Dt.10.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Palar Basin Circle, Chennai-5 invites tender from eligible tenderers for the work of **"Construction of a Check Dam across the Cooum River near Athigathur Village of Thiruvallur Taluk in Thiruvallur District"** at his office for upto **3.00 P.M** on **02.11.2022** in sealed covers. The tenders will be opened at 3.30 P.M at his chamber on the same day.

Other information such as name of work, details of Work, Value, EMD, Cost of tender schedule, etc., will be available in the Government website **"www.tenders.tn.gov.in"**. Any Corrections or Modifications will be published on website only.

Superintending Engineer, WRD.,
Palar Basin Circle, Chennai-5.

DIPR/4490/Tender/2022

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்".

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building,
K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01 Ph. No. 080-22133370 Fax : 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com Website : www.kpwd.gov.in

Tender Notification No. 24/2022-23 **Date : 07.10.2022**

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.2 North & Doddaballapura Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification are Published for 02 work (Rs. 70.00 to 100.00 Lakhs) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.**

Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **07.10.2022** onwards. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00 hours** on dated **25.10.2022 (3)** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **27.10.2022 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimated.

For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/2553/Sreshta/2022-23 **PWD Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am investigating title to the immovable property fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder (the **"Schedule Property"**), under instructions from my Clients who intend to purchase the said property.

Dr P V Shenoi, son of late Mr Sadananda Shenoi **("Owner")** has represented himself as the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property, having good clear marketable, right, title and interest therein. He has further represented that he has authorized his daughter Mrs Veena Rajendra Kini to execute and register the transaction documents for transfer of the Schedule Property on his behalf under a power of attorney and that apart from the said power of attorney, there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property. The Owner has further represented that **he** has not entered any Agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding etc., nor mortgaged, created any, right, interest, lien or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner with any person/s. Any person/s having objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s or claims within 21 (twenty one) days from the date of this Notice with the Undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed to conclude the proposed transaction.

Schedule

ALL THAT piece and parcel of immovable property being residential site bearing No 20-C, situated on 1st Main Road, RMV Extension, 2nd Stage, Behind Airforce Training Centre Compound, 1st Block, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru 560 094, measuring East to West 30.5 meters, North-South 14.7+15.00/2, totally measuring 452.9 square meters, together with a residential house comprising ground and first floors measuring 2500 square feet constructed thereon, presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP and bearing PID NO 99-164-20-C and bounded on the East byRoad; West by Plot No 19; North by Plot No 20/A and Plot No 20/B and South by Plot No 21

Ms. Rashmi Deshpande, Advocate
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Place: Bengaluru
Date: 11-10-2022

IN THE COURT OF THE 12th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P&SC No. 664/2022

BETWEEN
Sri Abhishek Subramanya
Son of late M V Subramanya
Aged 43 years
Residing at No. 551, 1st Main
RMV 2nd Stage, 3rd Block
Bengaluru - 560 094

Smt. Usha Subramanya
wife of late M V Subramanya
Aged 64 years
Residing at No. 551, 1st Main
RMV 2nd Stage, 3rd Block
Bengaluru - 560 094 ...PETITIONERS

AND

NIL ...RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named have made petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of Schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned Schedule were held by late Sri M V Subramanya, father of Petitioner No. 1 and husband of Petitioner No. 2 herein who expired on 25-06-2022.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 08.11.2022 at 11 a.m. to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and considered Respondents are Nil.

SCHEDULE

i. Current Account bearing No. 64191052259, State Bank of India Malavalli Branch, Mandya - 571 401 having balance of Rs. 27,641.02 as on 24.08.2022.

ii. Overdraft in Current Account bearing No. 093705001512, ICICI Bank Ltd, New Bel Road Branch, Bengaluru having a negative balance of Rs. -19,08,671.80 as on 26.08.2022

Given under my hand and seal this 26.09.2022

By order of the court
City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru

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Notice for Inviting Expression of Interest

The Government of Uttar Pradesh invites Expression of Interest (EOI), From the manufacturers for the purchase of one helicopter for its VIP operations, as mentioned below:-

Twin Turbine Engine Helicopter : **EOI Number : 01/CAD/2022-23**

- Offers from agents or intermediaries are not allowed.
- Interested manufacturers may visit Directorate's website www.cadup.gov.in/tender.htm for further details.
- Last date for receipt of duly completed EOI is 11 Novermber, 2022.

RO no: - 179883 RO date : - 10/10/22 **Kumar Harsh**
www.upgov.nic.in **Director**

Stalin warns against imposing Hindi

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister slams the reported recommendation of panel to use Hindi as a medium of instruction in IITs, IIMs and Central universities (in Hindi-speaking States and regional languages in other parts); asks Centre not to force another language war by imposing Hindi

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Slamming the reported recommendation of a Parliamentary Committee on Official Language to use Hindi as a medium of instruction in IITs, IIMs and Central universities (in Hindi-speaking States and regional languages in other parts), Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday cautioned the Union government against forcing another language war by imposing Hindi.

"All [State] languages should be elevated into official languages of the Union government. Do not take a totally opposite position and attempt to make Hindi mandatory and force another language war on us. Do not try to test the fire of our mother language affinity," Mr. Stalin said in a three-page statement.

Urging the Narendra Modi-led Union government to drop the proposal to make Hindi mandatory and uphold the flame of Indian unity, he charged that forcing an "impractical" proposal would only portray as if Hindi-speaking population alone were Indian citizens and others were second-class citizens.

"Not only Tamil Nadu but any State which upholds its mother tongue would not accept it," he

M.K. Stalin

said. The "persistent actions" of the Union government to destroy the brotherhood between various communities by forcing the idea of 'One Nation' (in the context of uniformity) would only pose a threat to integration, said Mr. Stalin quoting various recommendations of the panel, as reported in a section of the media, and opposed them. He said all 22 languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution were equal and asked, "while so, where is the emergency or the necessity for the panel led by [Home Minister] Mr. Amit Shah to make only Hindi as the medium of instruction?"

Mr. Stalin also questioned a recommendation to remove English as one of the languages in the recruitment for jobs in the Central services.

Recalling the DMK's campaign since 1957 to protect regional languages, including Tamil, Mr. Stalin pointed out that then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had assured that English would remain as a language for official communication till such time the non-Hindi speakers desired.

"Do not forget that brave youths took bullets and even killed themselves to protect the mother language of Tamil, when contrary [to assurances made by Nehru] steps were taken to impose Hindi in 1965," Mr. Stalin recalled. It was only after such protests, resolutions were passed for making English and Hindi as official languages in 1968 and 1976.

"In these times of scientific development and technical advancement, the Union government's motive should be only to make all languages, including Tamil in the Eighth Schedule as official languages," Mr. Stalin said.

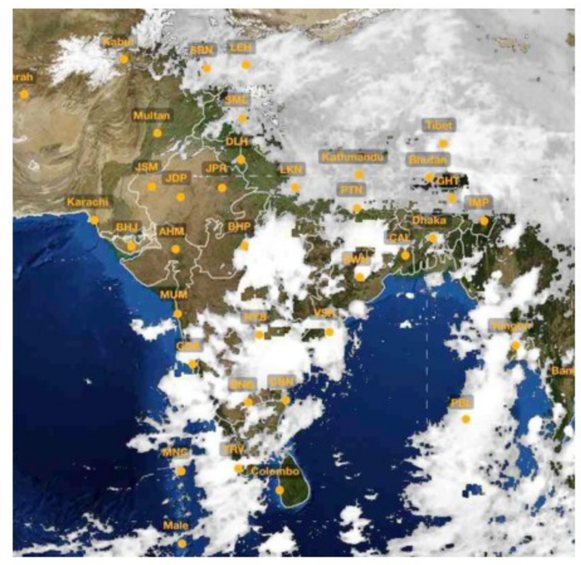
Unacceptable: Yechury

Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Sitaram Yechury said on Twitter, "imposing RSS vision of Hindi, Hindu, Hindustan on India's unique and rich linguistic diversity is simply unacceptable" and urged that all 22 official languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution be treated equally.

(With inputs from New Delhi)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Bihar, Telangana, interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.2	25.5	Kozhikode	—	33.0	24.4
Ahmedabad	—	33.6	25.8	Kurnool	—	32.6	24.3
Aizawl	—	24.0	20.8	Lucknow	65	24.3	21.1
Allahabad	—	32.5	23.8	Madurai	12	32.4	23.6
Bengaluru	2	28.3	20.8	Mangaluru	—	29.0	23.4
Bhopal	—	—	23.7	Mumbai	—	31.5	24.5
Bhubaneswar	6.8	32.5	23.5	Mysuru	45	31.0	19.4
Chandigarh	—	29.9	22.1	New Delhi	21.8	23.6	19.2
Chennai	25	31.0	24.6	Patna	—	34.0	25.4
Coimbatore	25	30.4	21.8	Port Blair	—	30.9	24.9
Dehradun	1	30.0	20.1	Puducherry	10	31.0	23.3
Gangtok	38	18.2	16.4	Pune	—	31.7	21.4
Goa	—	29.2	24.0	Raipur	28.4	32.4	24.5
Guwahati	2	32.0	24.8	Ranchi	—	32.0	22.2
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	0.4	25.6	16.1
Hyderabad	0.6	28.6	21.6	Shimla	0.2	21.7	12.9
Imphal	—	29.9	18.4	Srinagar	—	23.8	11.8
Jaipur	—	31.0	22.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.2	24.1
Kochi	—	30.6	24.8	Tiruchi	25	31.8	23.0
Kohima	10	25.5	15.2	Vijayawada	24	27.9	24.8
Kolkata	—	31.0	26.7	Visakhapatnam	12	29.1	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.72	..77	49	 69	...108	.....
Bengaluru	...6	..14	55	 82	68	.....
Chennai	...3	..37	99	 35	32	.....
Delhi	.15	..56	60	 65	49	.....
Hyderabad	.11	3	85	 26	33	.....
Kolkata	...8	..15	44	 24	23	.....
Lucknow	.10	..49	47	 16	38	.....
Mumbai	.12	157	61	 32	75	.....
Pune	..—	..16	41	..... —	.....—	.....
Visakhapatnam	.35	..43	55	 32	43	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 180 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Harassment against certain journalists has escalated: N. Ram

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The harassment against certain journalists in the country has escalated, and journalists from the Muslim community or those supporting the minorities are being targeted, N. Ram, Director of The Hindu Publishing Group (THG), said here on Monday. He also contended that the higher judiciary was inconsistent on free speech and media freedom.

During a panel discussion on 'Legal Challenges Faced by Journalists in India' in Asian College of Journalism (ACJ) at Taramani in Chennai, moderated by Kunal Majumder, India's representative in the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), Mr. Ram pointed out that journalists, who were earlier targeted with civil defamation charges, were being tried with criminal defamation and then with the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

The 1967 Act was earlier either rarely or never used but today various agencies played the "tricks" backed by the Central and various State governments, Mr. Ram said and pointed out the case of journalist Siddique Kappan, who remained in jail even though

N. Ram, Director of The Hindu Publishing Group, and Sashi Kumar, chairman, ACJ and Media Research Foundation, at the discussion. K.V. SRINIVASAN

the Supreme Court put the sedition law on hold. Tamil Nadu was in a much better space than many other States in India, Mr. Ram said.

Elaborating on the "decline of institutions" in India, Mr. Ram referred to attempts by the police, the Income Tax Department, the Enforcement Directorate and other agencies and explained how one of the agencies was trying to insinuate one of the co-founders of Alt News in a charge.

"The harassment has escalated, charges are more serious, particular journalists, very often belonging to the Muslim community or those who support minorities very strongly, like Teesta Setalvad, are being targeted. We have to say it out loud," Mr. Ram said.

Communalism as a "political mobilisation strategy" was being used, he said, and added that it had major consequences and the media, particularly those sections, which were independent or fiercely independent and do investigations, were being targeted. "Accepting the present laws as they are, they are also being misused, exploited. They work around many of the safeguards that the Supreme Court has laid down. Overall, the higher judiciary has been ambivalent, inconsistent and, on the whole, disappointing when it comes to protecting free speech and media freedom," Mr. Ram contended.

Contrary to the claims, Mr. Ram maintained there were spaces where Indian journalism was independent, inquisitive and questioning, and investigative journalism was "well and alive."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client **Sri Joachim K Kurian** is intending to purchase the residential site no. 31 formed out of property no. 65/1 and 65/2 located at KAGGADASPURA village, from the current owner's **1) Smt. Dechamma Bopaiah, 2) Nanjappa Bopaiah, 3) T. B. Ponnappa** More fully described in the schedule here under, Any person having any claims or objections of whatsoever nature, in respect to the schedule property or any portion thereof, may write to undersigned within 16th October 2022, furnishing documentary evidence on the basis of which they are making their claim in respect to the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever. Failing this our client shall move to get the registered sale deed in his name on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature in respect to the Schedule property on **17th October 2022.**

SCHEDULED PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site/ house No. 31 formed out of property No. 65/1 and 65/2, H A S B khatha No 140/3 BBMP katha No 31/140/3 , situated at Kaggadaspura village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP limits, Bangalore measuring east to west: 50 ft, north to South: 30 ft, in all measuring 1500 sqft. and bound on: on the **East by:** 25ft. Road, on the **West by:** Private property, on the **North by:** site No. 32 and on the **South by:** site No. 30

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No. 205, 2nd Cross, Vibhuthipura, Bangalore - 560037
Place: Bangalore Date 08/10/2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone, Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560 011.

No.: EEP(S)/E-Procu/14/2022-23 **Date: 10.10.2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
Single Cover System
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Improvement in BBMP Maternity Home Located in Wilson Garden under "The Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge"	14.25	35625/-
Period of Completion (Including Monsoon) 6 Months			

Calendar of Event: (1) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **25.10.2022, 4.00 p.m. (2)** Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **27.10.2022** at **4.00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Project South, South Zone, BBMP

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INVITATION FOR BIDS No.OSSC/Mktg-28/2022

Managing Director, Odisha State Seeds Corporation Ltd. invites item wise rate Tenders in double cover system through **ONLINE MODE ONLY** for purchase of Vegetable Seed Minikits as below.

1.	Name of work	Purchase of Vegetable Seed Minikits for the year 2022-23
2.	No. of work	1
3.	Bid Cost	Rs.11,200/-
4.	Availability of Bid Document in Portal	15.00 hours on dt.11.10.2022 to 17.00 hours on dt.31.10.2022
5.	Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hours on dt.31.10.2022
6.	Date / Time of Opening of Bid	11.30 hours on 01.11.2022

Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/ Corrigendum / Cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

CAD-2090 : **Managing Director, OSSC Ltd.**
OIPR-01106/11/0002/2223

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

Abstract Tender Notification
(Two Cover System - Only through e-procurement portal)

No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent 12994 Date: 10-10-2022

E-Tender is published in GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **"Availing services from OEM/ Experts towards rectification of Pro-Control/Max-DNA DCS problems at RTPS units 1 to 8 on man day basis" Last date & time for receipt of tender:** 25-10-2022, 17:00 hrs. **Date & time of opening of technical bid:** 27-10-2022, 17:00 hrs. **Date & time of opening of price bid:** 29-10-2022, 17:00 hrs. All the relevant details of the bid is available in the above GOK e-portal. Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (I-4), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District.

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)
acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC -EOT - 001 -Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & proviso to Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bajaj Finance Limited to secure dues in the loan account since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor) acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-EOT-001-Trust, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 02.11.2022 at 11:00 a.m., for recovery of Rs.63,49,665/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five Only) as on 10-10-2022 together with further interest from 11-10-2022 at contractual rate till recovery and other costs, charges etc due to the Encore ARC (Secured creditor), from Borrower viz. **Mr. Pasunuri Sandeep**

The description of the mortgaged immovable properties, and the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets & the Earnest Money Deposit are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1.	Mr. Pasunuri Sandeep	All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 405 in Fourth Floor of Block A in the project "Definer Kingdom" measuring 1021 Sq.ft of build up area and 139 Sq.ft of proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other area of common use and totally measuring 1160 Sq.ft of Super build up area approximately, with right to use one Covered Car parking Space in Ground Floor and the Apartment is bounded by: North : Open to Sky South : Lobby East : Flat No. A-406 West : Open to Sky Along with 456 Sq ft. undivided share, right , title , interest and ownership in the land measuring 2 Acres 15 Guntas (Minus 1894 Sq.ft., surrendered for road widening to Hosakote planning Authority) in Sy.No. 95, situated in Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobil, Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted for non- agricultural residential purpose vide order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing No. ALN.(EB) (K) SR. 15/2010-11 dated 26.07.2010 and presently bearing Khata No. 956/95 in the records of Mandur Village panchayath and bounded by: North : Remaining portion of Property measuring 0 acres 26 Guntas, land in Sy. No. 102. South : Land bearing Sy. No. 96 & thereafter Govt School East : Road West : Land bearing Sy No. 149	39,44,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs and Forty Four Thousand Only)	3,94,400.00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand and Four Hundred Only)	50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	21/10/2022 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 01/11/2022
Date & Time of e-Auction	02/11/2022 at 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below. Auction Website: https://bankeauctions.com

In case the e-Auction date is declared public holiday then the date will be automatically extended to the very next working day.

Since Encore ARC is acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-EOT-001-Trust only, any reference of its name in this Public Notice should be construed accordingly.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Encore ARC's website i.e. **https://www.encorearc.com and https://bankeauctions.com**

Interested bidders may contact Authorised officer of Encore ARC Mr. Padmakumar S, Mobile No. 97390 99360, Mr. K.Nagendran Mobile No. 91762 91717, Mr B.M. Nagaraju.89399 56230 for any further information / query.

Date: 11.10.2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-2/F-168/22-23/7176-72 Date: 07.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-2/REPL-341/2022-23 Dated: 07.10.2022 for **"Replacement of 1x8 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x20 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV Hampapura Sub-station in H. D. Kote Taluk, Mysuru District on Total Turn Key (TTK) Basis."**

The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyper link **"e-Procurement"** OR **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11.10.2022**". Any further details can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer, Electy, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, Mysuru -570 007. Telephone: 0821-2455770 / 2455771.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

ECHS invites the application to engage following staff on contractual basis in **ECHS polyclinics located at Madikeri, Shimoga, Bengaluru (MEG), Virajpet & Mangalore for a period of one year for ESM and eleven Months for civilians, Extension of service for one year on 'assessment for ESM only:-**

Ser No.	Category	Name of Polyclinic					No. of Vac	Fixed Remuneration	Remarks
		Madikeri	Shimoga	Bangalore (MEG)	Virajpet	Mangalore			
(a)	OIC	01	01	01	-	-	03	75,000/-	100% res for ESM
(b)	Medical Officer	01	01	-	01	-	03	75,000/-	60% res for ESM
(c)	Dental Officer	01	-	-	01	01	03	75,000/-	
(d)	Lab Tech	01	01	-	01	-	03	28,100/-	70% of vacancy reserved for ESM
(e)	Lab Asst	01	-	-	-	-	01	28,100/-	
(f)	Pharmacist	01	-	02	01	-	04	28,100/-	
(g)	Nursing Asst	-	-	-	-	01	01	28,100/-	
(h)	Clerk	01	01	01	-	01	04	16,800/-	
(j)	Female Attendant	-	01	-	01	-	02	16,800/-	
(k)	Chowkidar	-	-	-	01	-	01	16,800/-	
(l)	Amb Driver	01	-	-	-	01	02	16,800/-	
	Total	08	05	04	06	04	27		

2. For Terms & Conditions, Application form & Remuneration. Kindly contact with concerned ECHS Polyclinic for the same / see website www.echs.gov.in. For additional details contact Station Cell (ECHS Cell) Bangalore **Tele No 080-25322873 & E-Mail ID: echscellbangalore@gmail.com.** Approach ECHS Polyclinic concerned for details if required. Preference will be given to the Ex-servicemen. Priority will be accorded to Veer Naries/Widows of ESM within the ambit of Govt instrs.

3. Last date for receipt of application as per format is 07 Nov 2022. Applications as per requisite format along with self-attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualifications and Work Experiences will be submitted to OIC ECHS Cell, Station Cell, Cubbon Road, Bangalore - 560001 by **07 Nov 2022 (14:00 h). Any application received after 07 Nov 2022 (14:00 h) will not be accepted.**

4. Interview Date, Timing & Venue. Only short listed Candidates will be called for interview at ECHS Cell, Station Cell, Cubbon Road Bangalore. Interviews will be **held on 07 & 08 Dec 2022** at Station Cell, Cubbon Road, Bangalore between **09:00 h to 15:00 h.** Candidates must bring all the original certificate / mark sheets / degree of 10th / Matric, 10+2 & Graduation / post-graduation / diploma / Course, work experience, discharge book, PPO, service records and two PP size color photograph at the time of interview. No TA / DA claim is admissible.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Projects-Central-02) Division, Annexe-2 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No.EE/PC-2/TEND/06/2022-23 **Date: 10.10.2022**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Projects-Central-02) Division, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amt. put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Comprehensive Development of Doddanekkundi Main Road in Bengaluru City.	771.00	12.00 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & remaining as specified in bid document.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. **2)** Last date for receipt of queries: **15.10.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid meeting : **17.10.2022 at 4.00 p.m 4)** Last date for submission of proposals: **21.10.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 5)** Date of opening of technical bids: **25.10.2022 at 4.30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (Project Central-02) Division.

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Battle for the Sena

The 'bow and arrow' is of more than symbolic value for the two factions

In an interim order on Monday, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has allotted 'Balasahebanchi Shivsena' as the party name for the Eknath Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena, also asking it to furnish a fresh list of three symbols by Tuesday. The name and the 'bow and arrow' symbol had also been claimed by Mr. Shinde, the Maharashtra Chief Minister. The ECI's preceding decision to freeze the name and the symbol of the Shiv Sena has followed precedent – in earlier cases of splits in the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the Lok Janshakti Party, the commission had kept the symbols suspended until a final decision on the contesting claims of rival factions could be taken. Symbols are more than symbolism for political parties after years of mutual association. In some cases, symbols may even carry some political meaning – as in the case of the Rashtriya Janata Dal's 'lantern' and the Samajwadi Party's 'bicycle'. The Shiv Sena may have felt the 'bow and arrow' went well with its constant need to appear combative and strident. That inheritance is now the central element of the dispute between the two factions. Though the ECI has frozen it, the legal battle for the symbol and the name will continue. Both factions are marshalling facts and fiction in support of their claims and the ECI has a tough task in determining which side gets to own the Sena brand. Mr. Shinde is an ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that is in power at the Centre. Who gets to inherit the legacy of Bal Thackeray has a huge bearing on the political fortunes of both.

Though there is a legal battle for the name and symbol of the Shiv Sena, the inheritance will be fundamentally settled through politics. Whichever faction will be seen as the more real Shiv Sena by the public will win the battle, regardless of who gets to keep the symbol and the name. Therefore, both factions are leaving no stone unturned to demonstrate their public support. The Dussehra rally, the most notable event on the Sena annual calendar, had two iterations this year – one addressed by Mr. Thackeray at the traditional venue of Shivaji Park, and the other by Mr. Shinde six kilometres away. The first electoral test for the factions will be on November 3, the date of the Andheri East Assembly segment by-election. The Thackeray faction will be facing off with the BJP candidate who is backed by the Shinde faction. Mr. Thackeray has inherited the name of his father and Sena founder, Bal Thackeray, but his style and character may be a bit too modest for the party's reputation. Mr. Shinde on the other hand may lack the name, but is equipped for the street battles that have made the Sena. It is unlikely that both factions will survive over the long term: the symbol might not be enough to decide the winner, but it will have more than a symbolic value for the faction still standing after the slugfest.

Kicking around

The ISL is crucial for Indian football, but has failed to live up to its promise

With the ninth season of the Indian Super League (ISL) commencing in Kochi and the ball set to roll at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Bhubaneswar from Tuesday, football in India can finally put behind a chaotic and unpleasant period that was littered with boardroom battles and litigation in the nation's highest courts. The two competitions have received fresh leases of life: the ISL has returned to the traditional home-and-away format after two stifling seasons in a bio-bubble, while the World Cup is back in the country's embrace after seemingly slipping out of it, once in 2020 because of COVID-19 and then two months ago when FIFA suspended the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and withheld the hosting rights. Under the new AIFF administration, the expectation is for these two championships to usher in a productive era for the sport in India. The ISL is crucial for players' preparation ahead of the 2023 AFC Asian Cup. A good performance at the premier continental tournament can enhance the nation's standing. The World Cup may provide impetus to further the overall development of women's football in the country, which is still in its nascent stages.

It was eight years ago that the ISL was introduced with the aim of revolutionising the game. Months before that, in December 2013, India had won the rights to host its first global competition – the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup. But since then, progress has been only incremental. The ISL's top-down approach, the lack of a pyramid of leagues held together by the principle of promotion and relegation, and the absence of qualitative reforms at the grassroots have resulted in India languishing at 106 in the world rankings and at 19 in the Asian pecking order. The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be a 48-team affair, expanded from the current 32. Eight spots are guaranteed for Asia, but India has to at least be in the top 10 at the continental level to have a realistic chance of qualification. The U-17 World Cup did trigger a change. A bunch of players, including the likes of Suresh Wangjam, Aniket Jadhav and Lalengmawia Apuia, flourished together at the AIFF's developmental side Indian Arrows, then went on to become regulars for their ISL clubs and eventually secured berths in the Indian national team. Such a clear-cut trajectory does not exist for the women. If the U-17 Women's World Cup can help lay a similar pathway, it would have done its job.

Russia's continued defiance of international law

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Despite widespread global condemnation, including a resolution in March 2022 adopted by 141 countries in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) demanding that Russia immediately and unconditionally withdraw from Ukraine, Moscow brazenly continues with its illegal military offensive against Kyiv. The resolutions by UNGA are not binding, but decisions by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) are. On Ukraine's application, the ICJ, in a provisional measure ruling, again in March, ordered Russia to immediately suspend its military operations in Ukraine. Russia has not complied with this decision. In the meanwhile, Russian troops in Ukraine have been accused of indulging in war crimes under international humanitarian law. Ukraine is not only fighting a brave military battle to defend its sovereignty but is also using all possible levers under international law against Russia. It has moved international courts such as the ICJ, the International Criminal Court, and the European Court of Human Rights to put Russia in the dock. But nothing seems to dissuade Russian President Vladimir Putin's revisionist and imperial designs. Mr. Putin is willing to go to great lengths to resurrect a Russian empire and attain mythical civilisational greatness even if that means striking at the very foundations of the post-war international legal order assiduously built on core values such as sovereignty and non-intervention.

Illegal annexation

The newest item added to the long Russian list of barefaced violations of international law is the recent annexation of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson – the four regions that are an integral part of Ukraine. Russia claims that these regions have had referendums and decided to join Russia. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has rightly pointed out that the so-called "referenda" in Ukraine were conducted in areas that are under Russian occupation. Thus, it is highly unlikely that the so-called referendums constitute a genuine expression of the popular will of the people.

The list of Moscow's barefaced violations of international law runs long, striking at the very foundations of the post-war international legal order

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To somehow prove the legitimacy of his actions to the Russian people, Mr. Putin frequently invokes the UN Charter. Just before invading Ukraine, he referred to Article 51 of the UN Charter (which provides for self-defence against an armed attack). Mr. Putin was wrong since Russia faced no aggression from Ukraine. In his recent speech announcing the illegal annexations, he referred to Article 1 of the Charter. The reference particularly was to the right of self-determination of the people of these regions. Mr. Putin is wrong again. The contours of the right of self-determination under international law are debatable. This right, also provided in Article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, provides that a group of people can freely determine their political status. But this right has to be read with Article 2 of the UN Charter which lists the principle of non-intervention as one of the seven core principles of the UN. Moreover, since the drafting of the UN Charter, the principle of self-determination has been understood in the context of decolonisation rather than the annexation of new territories on the pretext of self-determination.

Rules on occupation

Under international law, Russia's control over the four Ukrainian regions, before the so-called referendums, is known as 'belligerent occupation'. Rules on belligerent occupation are explained under the Hague Convention of 1899 – the first treaty that laid down the laws of war. Article 43 of the Convention states that if "the authority of the legitimate power over territory" has "passed into the hands of the occupant, the latter shall take all steps in his power to re-establish and ensure public order and safety". Furthermore, while doing so, the occupant shall "respect, unless absolutely prevented", the domestic laws of the country whose territory it has occupied.

Russia's unilateral action of merging the four Ukrainian territories with it is a flagrant violation of Article 43 of the Hague Convention. The Article clearly states that Russia, being the occupier, only has 'authority' and not 'sovereignty' over these regions. Further, any change in this status, i.e. from 'authority' to 'sovereignty' can only happen with Ukraine's consent. Moreover, Russia should have retained the existing Ukrainian laws of these regions. But Russia has made these regions part of its own territory, which means, Russian laws would apply there now.

What is ironic is that the Hague Conferences were led by the Russian Tsar Nicholas II. For all the criticism of the West, Mr. Putin is not even following a law whose creation was led by his own countrymen.

Nuclear bluff

In a recent speech, the Russian President, in an extremely irresponsible and provocative fashion, hinted at using nuclear weapons in the ongoing war. Consequently, the threat of a catastrophic nuclear war lingers in the background. Neither Russia nor Ukraine has signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. But here again, the UN Charter is helpful to understand the legality of these nuclear threats. The Charter provides the right of individual and collective self-defence, which means that if Russia launches a nuclear attack, not only Ukraine but also its allies can launch a counter-attack on Russia in collective self-defence. Furthermore, the Charter empowers the Security Council to take action even in the case of threat of force. Mr. Putin's statement is a threat of nuclear war, i.e., the threat of use of force in the Charter terms. As such, nothing stops the UN Security Council from initiating action under Chapter VII of the Charter against Russia. Of course, it is not going to materialise, primarily because of Russia's veto power as a UN Security Council member.

Finally, ultra-realist foreign policy honchos will point to the irrelevance of international law as it has failed in restraining Russia. However, an autocrat's defiance of international law does not diminish its importance. After all, there are scores of examples in contemporary times of totalitarian regimes violating their own country's laws with impunity. But that does not make domestic law irrelevant. On the contrary, it underscores the need for everyone to boisterously emphasise its importance. Likewise, the need to articulate international law norms is highest in the face of its blatant violation. We should not end up on the wrong side of history.

The 'October surprise' and the November election

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With barely weeks to go for the November showdown, Republicans and Democrats are bracing for an event that not only sets the political landscape in the United States for the next two years but also the general framework for the showdown in 2024, with or without Donald Trump. Democrats are especially concerned and should be for more than one reason. Holding their own ranks is a major task and beating back the persistent and worn-out rhetoric of many in the Grand Old Party (GOP) of a fraudulent U.S. presidential election in 2020 seems to be a bigger challenge.

Recently, Democrats were bracing themselves for a disastrous rout on November 8. The party was expected to be beaten badly in the House of Representatives and the chances of the GOP wresting control of the Senate also seemed to be a distinct possibility. The poor ratings of the Democrats aside, what hurt was the standing of U.S. President Joseph Biden who had an approval rating between the low to mid 30s.

Findings of NPR poll

But a latest NPR poll shows Mr. Biden to be rebounding to an approval rate of 44%. Still, not many political pundits are sure if this will reflect on the fortunes of the Democratic Party. At one time this June, the country was just outraged that the U.S. Supreme Court had overturned the historic Roe vs Wade, in what led to an emotional and spirited debate on abortion and the right of a woman over her body. Three months ago, and for a brief period of time, 'abortion' ranked as one of the top issues in the mid-term elections. But to the dismay of many liberals, that subject is slowly falling off the radar to perhaps fifth or sixth position in the scheme of things only to be replaced by what conservatives have used to go after the Biden administration – inflation and crime. The NPR/Marist poll also had some warning signals to the Democrats, the first of which being that 70% of respondents believed that the country is headed in the wrong direction and that inflation is the number one issue that voters say is on the top of their minds when casting their ballots. On the enthusiasm front, there is again trouble even as both parties are charged up for the election. The whites and college-educated segment who have leaned to the Democratic side in the past decade continue to be the most engaged, but the latest survey has shown that young and African-American voters are least likely to vote – this is trouble.

Faced with an event that not only sets the political tone for the next two years but also the general framework for the showdown in 2024, Democrats have every reason to be concerned

Past political events

One of the things that has been of interest, at least since the 1980s, was something known as "October Surprise", or an event/ events that happen suddenly, re-shaping or attempting to re-work the political framework. For instance, in the election between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan (Republican) in 1980, there was an eerie feeling in the conservative camp that the 52 American hostages held in Tehran since the overthrow of the Shah in 1979 would be released ahead of the November election so as to give (incumbent) President Carter an electoral advantage.

In fact, an unproved allegation has been that the Reagan team worked with the Iranians and convinced them to have the hostages freed only after the election was over. The Americans were finally let go on the day of Reagan's inauguration in January 1981. The closest to an October Surprise came in 2016 when days before the election, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, James Comey, informed members of Congress that he was re-opening the matter pertaining to Hillary Clinton's handling of confidential e-mails. To this day, many Democrats believe that it cost Ms. Clinton the Presidential election. The election of 2022 had its share of surprises as well starting with Republican hopeful for a Senate seat in Georgia, Herschel Walker, the football legend, alleged to have paid for his girlfriend's abortion even as he was politically opposed to abortion. The flatout denials from the Walker camp and the candidate aside, revelations that he is the father of one of the children by the same woman do not seem to have worried the GOP. Neither has the issue gathered enough traction in spite of all the heat between Democrats and Republicans for control of the Senate.

The Saudi factor

The real October Surprise could come in November and in the form of Saudi Arabia which has agreed, as a part of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, to curtail oil production up to two million barrels of oil a day or more that would not only result in increased crude prices but also assist Russia. The worst part is that at a time when gas prices have been seen stabilising in pumps in the U.S., the Biden White House and Democrats are again seeing gasoline as one of the top issues in the November election. This is not a comforting thought. For now, the Biden administration is said to be looking at various options including perhaps lifting some sanctions against Iran and Venezuela so as to incentivise their higher production. But Saudi Arabia has given the perfect opportunity for law makers, including from the Democratic Party, to not only question the wisdom of Mr. Biden having visited the kingdom in July but also focus on a complete reassessment of U.S.-Riyadh relations including the stationing of American troops and the selling of sophisticated weaponry to that country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not a time for war

It is time that both Moscow and Kiev are brought to the high table and formulate a truce. The flaming embers between Vladimir Putin and Volodmyr Zelensky have to be doused by world leaders. The United Nations should call for a special emergency session to stop the war forthwith.

K. Pradeep,
Chennai

Incident and reaction

The recent incident in Madrid, Spain, wherein male university students residing in one hostel block in a leading university were filmed chanting obscene misogynistic abuse at women students in another hostel block was shocking. But the silver lining has been the unprecedented reaction: prosecutors investigating and taking action against the male students; widespread political condemnation and debate and, finally, the Spanish Prime Minister criticising the "macho, inexplicable, unjustified and absolutely repugnant behaviour". It is heartening that the Prime Minister added, "We should not give any excuse for these behaviours which surely don't represent the general feeling of Spanish society. I think it's important that all political parties and the media express a clear 'no' to these behaviours, and not take a step back on real equality between men and women." That the leader of the Spanish Opposition has asked for an end to "these intolerable sexist attitudes" is remarkable. There is a golden lesson in the Spanish incident for many in India to imbibe.

Aadhira Menon,
Kochi, Kerala

Chief Minister's advice

The "anguish" expressed by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu over the actions of some of his Ministers and party leaders seems to be reasonable and understandable (Page 1, October 10). It is a fact that some Ministers and MLAs had brought shame and ridicule to the ruling party on account of indecorous behaviour.

It is timely advice by Mr. Stalin that they are careful and mindful in their actions and words. Ministers and other leaders need to function in a responsible manner, carry out their duties promptly and not give room for any criticism.

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

The Ministers and partymen in question should digest what the Chief Minister has said. They should conduct themselves in the manner that behoves ministerial and party conduct.

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

The call by the Chief Minister is evidence of a bid to slowly introduce discipline. The difference is that while the AIADMK's former leader controlled her partymen and Ministers in a firm manner, Mr. Stalin seems to believe in making an appeal first.

J. Eden Alexander,
Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

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Building resilient mineral supply chains

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In his Independence Day address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted the country to pursue *aatmanirbharta* in energy by focusing on clean energy technologies. Concerns over the pricing and availability of oil and gas in the wake of the Ukraine crisis continue to fuel global policy debates on energy security. However, the fragility of clean energy supply chains obscures pathways for countries to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Imported inflationary pressures through exposure to volatile oil and gas markets also pose risks to macroeconomic growth and stability, particularly for India, import-dependent for around 85% of its oil and half of its gas needs. Therefore, securing access to key minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel and rare earth metals is critical for building resilient and indigenous supply chains for clean energy technologies.

A challenging task

This is challenging on several counts. First, reserves are often concentrated in regions that are geopolitically sensitive or fare poorly from an ease of doing business perspective. Second, a portion of existing production is controlled by geostrategic competitors. For example, China wields considerable influence in cobalt mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo through direct equity investments and its Belt and Road Initiative. Third, future mine production is often tied up in offtake agreements, in advance, by buyers from other countries to cater to upcoming demand.

As a first step towards the sourcing of strategic minerals, the Indian government established Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) in 2019 with the mandate to secure mineral supply for the domestic market. Based on a CEEW study, here are suggestions that policymakers could consider to further this objective.

First, figure out the mineral requirements of the domestic industry. This could best be accomplished by a task force which includes the ministries of power, new and renewable energy, heavy industry, and science and technology. Creating five-year road maps with clear targets for deployment and indigenous manufacturing across clean energy applications would provide visibility to domestic investors. Further, assess the technology mix that would support this deployment. On this basis, determine the quantities of minerals necessary to support indigenous manufacturing.

Second, coordinate with the domestic industry to determine where strategic interventions by the government would be necessary for the purpose. KABIL could collaborate with industry to bolster its market intelligence capabilities for tracking global supply-side developments. Developing a granular picture of available and committed production capacities and economy-wide and sector-specific policy developments is the first step to develop an informed perspective on mineral supply. If there is adequate visibility on sourcing opportunities in conducive geographies, the private sector should be encouraged to secure minerals for its own requirements.

Third, if conducive investments opportunities don't exist, KABIL should pre-emptively sign offtake agreements with global mineral suppliers to secure future production. It could aggregate a reliable supply of minerals for domestic requirements and sign back-to-back sales agreements with the domestic industry. Such large-scale centralised national procurement could be done at preferential terms.

Fourth, the government should jointly invest in mining assets with geostrategic partners. KABIL should make equity investments in mining jurisdictions that private sector investors may deem too risky. It should leverage government-to-government partnerships to mitigate investment risks. This could be done through joint investments with sovereign entities from geostrategic partners or private sector entities with expertise in specific geographies. The External Affairs Ministry could initiate conversations with partner countries. Establishing resilient clean energy supply chains is a priority for the Quad, for instance.

Fifth, support technologies that utilise domestically available materials. The deployment of technologies such as sodium-ion batteries could reduce requirements for sourcing minerals from beyond India's borders. While the current performance-linked incentive scheme on batteries is technologically agnostic, India could consider creating a tranche of capital to incentivise investments in technologies that rely on local raw materials. It could also propose co-development of such technologies with geostrategic partners.

Lastly, develop policies on urban mining aimed at recycling mineral inputs from deployments that have completed their useful life. These could help further reduce dependence on international sourcing. Besides Ukraine, other potential geopolitical flashpoints also exist against a backdrop of dwindling multilateral cooperation. India must act immediately and decisively to mitigate these risks to its energy security.

India must act decisively to mitigate these risks to its energy security

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Still no relief for the malnourished

Since NFHS-1, Madhya Pradesh has been struggling to tackle the problem

STATE OF PLAY

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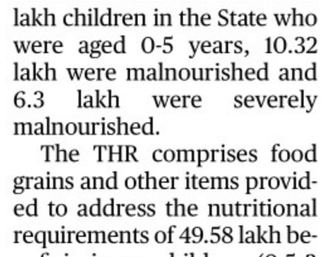

Ever since a confidential report by the Madhya Pradesh Accountant-General came to light, about "large scale fraud/misappropriation etc. in the identification of beneficiaries, production, transportation, distribution and quality control of THR [Take Home Ration]", the government has been facing severe criticism from the Opposition and activists.

Last month, ahead of the translocation of eight cheetahs from Namibia to Kuno National Park, the Congress demanded to know the rationale behind making the translocation a mega event when about "21,000 children were malnourished and another 5,000 severely malnourished in Sheopur," which also takes the "lead in the nutritious food scam". Kuno is spread across Sheopur and Morena districts.

In fact, on September 17, when Project Cheetah was launched, BJP MP Pragya Thakur herself said that in the settlements she has adopted, children do not have resources for education and their parents do not have any source of livelihood. Some of these parents turn to illegal liquor trade as a consequence. And if they are arrested, their families sell the little girls to get money for their release.

The Women and Child Development Department in M.P. is under the direct supervision of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Mr. Chouhan defended his government saying the latest audit report is not final. His party claimed that the State was under Congress rule when the scam took place. However, many continue to point fingers at Mr. Chouhan as he is the longest-serving BJP Chief Minister in terms of total time spent in office and M.P. continues to lag on most indicators.

The audit report says M.P. had the worst infant mortality rate and the third-worst maternal mortality ratio in 2017-19 despite the provision of THR under the supplementary nutrition programme. The National Family Health Survey-5 or NFHS-5 (2019-20) also shows that the infant mortality rate in M.P. was 41.3, above the national average of 35.2. Similarly, 72.7% of children aged between six and 59 months were anaemic, above the national average of 67.1%. Earlier this year, the government said that of the 65.02 lakh children in the State who were aged 0-5 years, 10.32 lakh were malnourished and 6.3 lakh were severely malnourished.

The THR comprises food grains and other items provided to address the nutritional requirements of 49.58 lakh beneficiaries – children (0.5-3 years), pregnant and lactating mothers, and out-of-school adolescent girls (11-14 years). The report said ration was being drawn in the names of 36.08 lakh out-of-school adolescent girls. As they were dropouts, these girls were deprived of mid-day meals. While THR is discontinued after the age of 14 for girls dropping out of school, nutritional challenges remain for them. When they become mothers, the situation worsens and the next generation also faces the carry-over effects.

The audit report points to corruption as the cause of this malaise, but activists say the rot runs deep. Every now and then, anecdotal evidence emerges on the poor condition of Anganwadis and irregularities in mid-day meal distribution. On September 14, Mineral Resources Minister Brajendra Pratap Singh wrote a letter to School Education Minister Inder Singh Parmar alleging non-distribution of mid-day meals in 100 schools in his constituency of Ajaygarh in Panna for the past six months.

Experts say there is a denial of malnutrition being a major concern despite M.P. being among the worst performers since NFHS-1 (1992-93). According to them, the State tries to manage the problem by simply supplying food instead of examining the fact that malnutrition occurs as a complex interplay of various factors including gender, caste, lack of sanitation, poor maternal health, early marriages, and lack of access to land and other resources.

From a policy standpoint, centralisation and standardisation of nutrition programmes also restrict the adoption of locally available food in a large and diverse State. Nutrition-centric microplanning allows for tweaks and better resource management in the form of linking agriculture and horticulture. Activists say monitoring can be made easier by getting communities involved. Centralisation also provides opportunities for pilferage during the transportation or monitoring processes, they add.

Indian prisons are stretched to their limits

In 2021, the crisis was most acute in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi where the occupancy rate crossed 180%

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan & Rebecca Rose Varghese

A news report published in *The Hindu* on Sunday described how the Border Security Force (BSF) in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal is handing over illegal migrants with a clean record to Bangladeshi officials as prisons are overflowing in the State. If normal procedure were to be followed, these illegal migrants would have been lodged in correctional homes, the report added.

The story has put the spotlight back on the age-old problem of overcrowded prisons in India. Data show that in 2021, the latest year for which numbers are available, over 5.54 lakh people were lodged in prison, while the total capacity of Indian jails was about 4.25 lakh. This means that the occupancy rate of Indian prisons was 130%, a peak at least in the last decade.

Breaking point

Chart 1 shows the capacity of Indian prisons, the number of actual prisoners and the occupancy rate in the last decade. While the capacity has increased from some 3.32 lakh to 4.25 lakh in the last decade – a 27% increase – the number of prisoners has shot up from 3.7 lakh to 5.54 lakh in the same period – a 48% increase. This imbalance has caused the occupancy rate to surge from 112% to 130% in the last decade.

The pan-India problem of overflowing jails has worsened in the last decade. However, it was most acute in three northern States/Union Territories – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi. In these three regions, the occupancy rate crossed 180% in 2021 (180 prisoners for every 100 vacancies). Notably, in these three regions, the occupancy rate ranged between 60% and 75% in 2011. In fact, of the 36 States and UTs analysed, the occupancy rate increased in 26 of them in the past decade. And in 18 of them, the occupancy rate in 2021 was more than 100%.

Chart 2 shows the occupancy rates of select States/UTs in 2011 and 2021. The highest increase was observed in Delhi, where the occupancy rate increased from 60% to 183% – a 122% point increase. Among the major States, significant decreases were observed in Chhattisgarh and Punjab where the occupancy rate decreased by 108% points and 51% points, respectively.

Bangladeshi nationals dominate the foreign inmate population in India. Most foreign inmates are lodged in West Bengal prisons as the State shares a long border with the neighbouring country.

Chart 3 shows the foreign inmates lodged in West Bengal jails as a share of total foreign prisoners. While there is a slight dip in recent years, the share has consistently remained above 30%. The chart also shows the share of Bangladeshi undertrials among the total number of foreign undertrials lodged in Indian jails. The share has remained above the 35% mark in recent years.

When read along with the fact that the occupancy rates in West Bengal prisons have increased from 70% to 120% in the past decade, the BSF's recent decision to hand over illegal migrants to Bangladesh appears justified.

Vacancies

While on the one hand, jails are overflowing, on the other, the vacancies for prison officers are alarmingly high in some States. Also, the money spent on each prison inmate varies widely across States. **Chart 4** plots prison officer vacancy in 2019 against the amount spent per inmate in ₹ in 2019-20. In Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Jharkhand over 60% of officer positions were vacant. And in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Maharashtra, less than ₹20,000 was spent on each prison inmate in 2019-20.

The overcrowded and understaffed prisons of India

The tables and charts show various prison-related statistics sourced from the National Crime Records Bureau's "Prison Statistics India" reports. The imbalance between prison availability and number of inmates has caused the occupancy rate to surge from 112% to 130% in the past decade. Of the 36 States and U.T.s analysed, the occupancy rate has increased in 26 of them in the past decade. And in 18 of them the occupancy rate in 2021 was more than 100%

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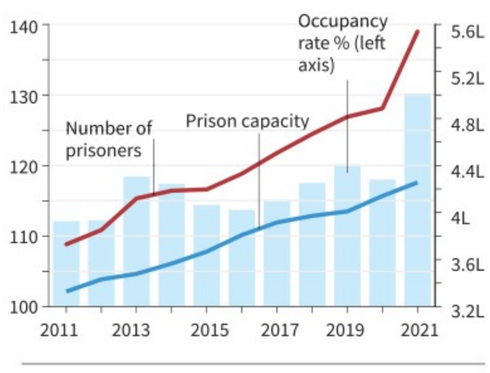

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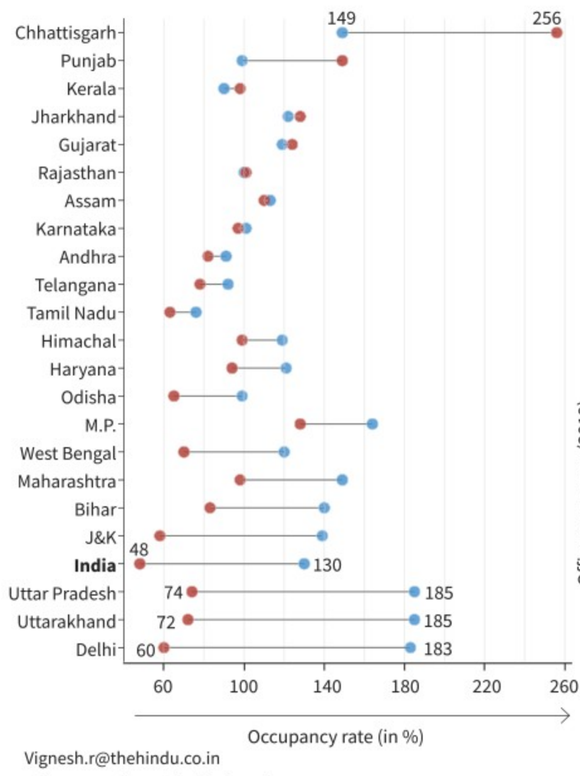

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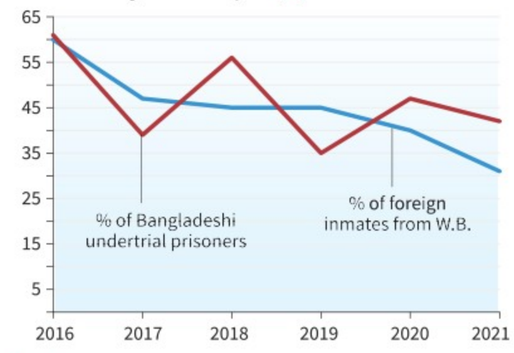

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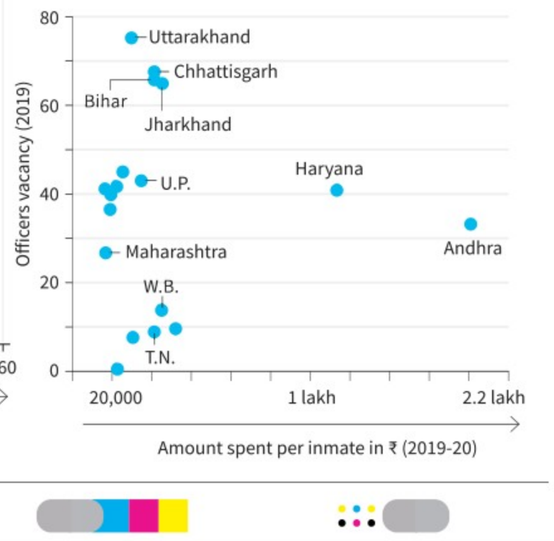

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MGR suspended from DMK: Party rift in the open

Madras. Oct. 10: Mr. M.G. Ramachandran, Treasurer of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and well-known film actor, has been suspended from the Party. The decision to suspend him from all party posts – and even from the primary membership of the Kazhagam – was taken to-day by the President and General Secretary of the party, following a requisition from 26 out of 31 members of the DMK Executive. Later in the day, the General Secretary of the DMK, Mr. V.R. Nedunchezhian, issued a show-cause notice to Mr. Ramachandran asking him to explain why he should not be expelled from the party. The latter said that his explanation should reach the party headquarters within 15 days. This dramatic development has brought to the open the simmering rift in the party, which was climaxed by a public statement made by Mr. Ramachandran on Sunday that the District Secretaries and party leaders at all levels should be asked to declare their assets. The requisition, which accused Mr. Ramachandran of having violated the party discipline and sought immediate action against him, was presented to the Party President and Chief Minister, Mr. M. Karunanidhi, at the State Guest House this morning. The signatories include 12 district secretaries of the party and eight Ministers who are also members of the party executive. They had earlier met informally and drawn up the petition. On receipt of the requisition, Mr. Karunanidhi conferred withMr. V.R. Nedunchezhian and other party colleagues and decided to suspend Mr. Ramachandran.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 11, 1922

In America.

London, Oct. 9: Bewilderment rather than consternation has been caused in British shipping circles by the intimation of new ruling in the United States regarding the enforcement of prohibition on foreign ships in American waters. The Companies concerned are planning immediately to challenge the decision. The North Atlantic Conference will meet to decide the course of action.

Paris, Oct. 1: The French Government intends to protect immediately against Mr. Daugherty's ruling regarding liquor on foreign ships in American ports.

From Page One

Russia launches fresh attack with missile raids

U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said the Russian missile strikes on Kyiv and several other cities were "unacceptable". "This is a demonstration of weakness by (Vladimir) Putin, not strength," he tweeted. Mr. Zelensky said on social media he had spoken with the leaders of France and Germany and urged them to "increase pressure" on Russia. Ukrainian officials said the central Shevkenko district of the city was hit and that a university, museums and the philharmonic building had been damaged in the strikes. Videos posted on social media showed black smoke rising above several areas in the city.

'Deeply concerned over conflict in Ukraine'

"India is deeply concerned at the escalation of the conflict in Ukraine, including targeting of infrastructure and deaths of civilians. We reiterate that escalation of hostilities is in no one's interest. We urge immediate cessation of hostilities and the urgent return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue. India stands ready to support all such efforts," Arindam Bagchi, official spokesperson, Ministry of External Affairs, said.

At a press conference in Canberra alongside his Australian counterpart, Penny Wong, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar defended India's strategic relationship with Russia while seeking an end to the conflict in Ukraine. "We have been very clearly against the conflict in Ukraine. We believe that this conflict does not serve the interests of anybody. Neither the participants nor indeed of the international community."

The Hindu has learnt from diplomatic sources that at least 500 Indians continue to remain in Kyiv and other cities.

Three-time U.P. CM Mulayam Singh dies

"My respected father and *netaji* to all is no more," he tweeted in Hindi.

Ms. Murmu called Mr. Singh's demise an "irreparable loss to the country".

Mr. Modi, who posted several photographs with Mr. Singh, recalled his long association with him, during a speech in Bharuch. He said that when the BJP chose him as the prime ministerial candidate for the 2014 Lok Sabha campaign, Mr. Singh was one of the leaders whom he called to seek his blessings.

Home Minister Amit Shah hailed Mr. Singh as a champion of democracy who raised his voice during Emergency.

Ms. Gandhi said his "struggle for the oppressed and deprived will always be remembered. He has always stood by the Congress in our struggle to preserve our nation's constitutional values."

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called Mulayam an icon of the socialist movement who devoted his life to the service of the poor and other backward communities.

SC not to deliberate on appointments

The resolution signed by Chief Justice Lalit and four fellow Collegium members said informal deliberations had been going on for some time to fill the judicial vacancies in the Supreme Court. A formal meeting took place on September 26. A total of 11 names were considered on that day. Out of this, Justice Dipankar Datta, the Bombay High Court Chief Justice, had won unanimous approval and his name was recommended to the government.

Consideration of the remaining 10 names were deferred till September 30 as some members of the Collegium wanted to see more judgments authored by these candidates. However, the meeting could not take place. "... since one of the members [Justice D.Y. Chandrachud] did not attend the meeting, the CJI sent a proposal vide letter dated September 30 by way of circulation," the resolution explained. The resolution did not detail the "proposal". But it was reported widely that the proposal contained four names, including that of a senior advocate, for the collegium's recommendation to the government for appointment as Supreme Court judges.

"The letters of Justice Chandrachud and S. Abdul Nazeer however did not disclose any views against any of these candidates," the resolution said.

The CJI then shot off a second letter on October 2, soliciting the reasons and inviting alternative suggestions from Justices Chandrachud and Nazeer.

"There was no response to the said communication," the resolution noted.

The CJI's proposal had thus split the collegium, with Justices Kaul and Joseph concurring with it while Justices Chandrachud and Nazeer objecting to "the process of selection and appointing of judges by circulation". "The matter was therefore ideally suited to have a discussion across the table amongst the judges forming the collegium," the resolution said.

But the Law Ministry's letter seeking Chief Justice's nomination of his successor had intervened.

Pakistan to take part in closing ceremony of SCO anti-terror exercise hosted by India

Officials sources confirm the country's delegation has been invited for the exercise aimed at building synergy between Counter Terrorism Forces of SCO RATS member countries; India participated in JATE-2021 hosted by Pakistan

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NEW DELHI

Anti-terrorism drills: The joint anti-terrorist exercise "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022" began at the NSG Manesar Garrison from October 8. TWITTER/@NSGBLACKCATS

Pakistan has been invited to the closing ceremony, on October 13, of the ongoing Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE) within the ambit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) being hosted by India, official and diplomatic sources confirmed.

"Pakistan delegation has been extended an invitation for the closing ceremony on the last day of JATE 'Manesar Anti-terror 2022'," a diplomatic source said, which was confirmed by official sources.

The National Security Guard (NSG) is hosting the multinational JATE "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022", under the framework of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) at the NSG Manesar Garrison.

It is understood that a Pakistan team is participating in the event as a member of the SCO, an official source said. India also participated in the RATS meet that Pakistan organised last year, the source noted. An Indian delegation had participated in the closing ceremony of the two-week JATE-2021 hosted by Pakistan at the National Counter Terrorism Centre, Pabbi, in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, in September 2021.

The exercise is aimed at exchanging expertise, best practices and build synergy between the Counter Terrorism Forces of the SCO RATS member countries to enhance capabilities for conducting anti-terrorist operations and countering other security threats collectively, the NSG said in a statement.

In May, counter-terror officials of Pakistan, Russia, China and four Central Asian countries met in Delhi under the structure as India assumed its role as Chairperson of the SCO-RATS mechanism in October 2021. JATE is an annual counter terrorist exercise held within the framework of the SCO RATS.

The statement issued by NSG on Sunday said that Stage-1 of the exercise was conducted from July 27 to August 01, 2022 by the National Counter Terrorism Forces (NCTF) of SCO member countries in their respective territories. "Stage-2 of the Exercise is being conducted from October 8 to 13 at NSG Manesar Garrison, in which eight representatives from NCTF of Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Uzbekistan, Russian Federation and NSG of Republic of India are participating," a statement issued by NSG on Sunday stated.

The exercise will be witnessed by four "observers" from Executive Committee (EC) of RATS and one observer from State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan.

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Emergency helicopter medical service soon

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday said the Union government would draw up a national plan for helicopter emergency medical services and a pilot project towards it would soon be launched at the AIIMS, Rishikesh.

Mr. Scindia said that under the pilot project "Sanjeevani", a helicopter would be deployed in the next few weeks to provide emergency medical services at the AIIMS.

The helicopter will have a service cover of 150-km radius and will be able to provide emergency evacuation within 20 minutes.

This project will help the government in drafting the national policy, the Minister said, speaking at the fourth Heli-India summit in Srinagar.

The Minister also unveiled the guidelines for a new initiative called "fractional ownership" aimed at promoting ownership of helicopters.

Under the initiative, multiple owners share the cost of acquisition and operation of an aircraft in return for rights to use them for a specified number of hours or days in a year.

RJD gives Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi full powers on deciding party issues

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Respect to Netaji: RJD supremo Lalu Prasad paying tributes to Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh in New Delhi. PTI

Lalu Prasad, re-elected the party's national president for the 12th time, on Monday issued a dire warning to Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leaders against "speaking out of turn". The party is battling internal dissent with its State unit chief Jagdanand Singh sulking after his son Sudhakar Singh's resignation from the Nitish Cabinet and frequent outbursts by Minister Tej Pratap Yadav.

During its national convention at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi, the party amended its constitution in order to empower Mr. Prasad and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav as the final arbiter of all decisions regarding the party's "name, symbol and other related issues". The phrase "other related issues" open an entire gamut of possibilities.

The amendment, which was adopted by a voice vote, further signals a significant change in the party's power equation and also sets the tone for formally handing the party's reins to Mr. Tejashwi. In his speech on Sunday at the party's national executive meeting, Mr. Prasad said that on all political issues, only Mr. Tejashwi's voice will matter.

"If there is something, you can advice, but do not speak out of turn," Mr. Prasad said.

Shifting attention to dissent within the party, Mr. Tejashwi said that those who speak against the party, help the BJP. "There are only two possibilities today, either you are with the BJP or against them," he asserted. Again exhorting crowd to stay united, Mr. Yadav bellowed, "Are you ready for 2024 or not." The euphoric crowd replied with resounding yes.

In his speech earlier, he had said that Delhi was deliberately picked as the venue for the national convention, to bring the battle to the current rulers of India. Both father and son also reiterated the urgent need for opposition unity. Mr. Prasad warned the opposition parties that the country will not forgive them if they decide to stay outside the anti-BJP front.

INBRIEF

Pawar may welcome Bharat Jodo Yatra in Maharashtra

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar along with Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule is likely to welcome the Bharat Jodo Yatra when it enters Nanded in Maharashtra on November 9, Congress sources said on Monday. Mr. Pawar will be the second top Opposition leader after DMK chief and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to be associated with the padayatra led by MP and former party chief Rahul Gandhi. "Mr. Pawar and his MP daughter Supriya Sule have expressed their desire to welcome the yatra when it enters Maharashtra. So they may welcome when it enters the State on November 9," said the source.

Need specific submissions to act against hate speech: SC

The Supreme Court on Monday said while it may agree with a petitioner's view that hate speeches are sullying the atmosphere across the country and need to be curbed, the court nevertheless needs specific instances of hate speeches and cannot act on vague and general submissions. A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit pointed out that the court cannot act on a petition giving an overview of the problem. "This is too random a petition saying that there are 58 instances where someone made a hate speech. Rather than giving us a vague idea, you concentrate on immediate instances," the Bench told the petitioner. The case has been adjourned to October 31.

Delhi excise policy case: CBI arrests liquor businessman

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested one more person – a liquor businessman, Abhishek Boinpally – in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, officials said on Monday, October 10. The accused is an associate of Arun Ramchandra Pillai, who is one of the 15 persons named in the First Information Report (FIR). The agency had earlier arrested Vijay Nair, former chief executive officer of Mumbai-based company Only Much Louder, in the same case. Among the accused public servants are Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, the then Excise Commissioner Arva Gopi Krishna, Deputy Commissioner Anand Tiwari and Assistant Commissioner Pankaj Bhatnagar.

Army dog used in Kashmir encounter injured in firing

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The Army said Zoom is battling for his life at a Military Veterinary Hospital. TWITTER/@CHINARCORPSIA

The Army deployed a trained dog on Monday to snatch weapons from two holed-up militants at Anantnag in south Kashmir. However, the dog, named Zoom, and a soldier were injured during the encounter.

An Army spokesman said Zoom, an Army assault canine, was deployed into the target house to retrieve the weapon from the terrorists and pull them out of hiding in the Tangpawa area of Anantnag, where an anti-militancy operation was launched on October 9 evening.

"Zoom was fired upon by the terrorists in hiding, injuring him seriously. However, he was successful in destabilising the terrorists, who were then effectively neutralised by the precision fire of the troops," the Army said.

Both terrorists were affiliated to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

Describing the dog valiant, the Army said Zoom was at present battling for his life at a Military Veterinary Hospital. The hiding militants were trapped following a tip-off provided by the J&K police.

Children were not part of Bharat Jodo Yatra: Congress to EC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Slamming the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) for registering "frivolous" and "baseless" complaints, the Congress on Monday conveyed to the Election Commission that no violation of the Representation of the People (RP) Act was done during the Bharat Jodo Yatra and children were not used for campaigning.

A Congress delegation of general secretary Jairam Ramesh, party's social media head Supriya Shrinate and senior leader Salman Khurshid met Election Commission officials to reply to a notice by the poll watchdog over a complaint by the child rights body.

"We met the members of the Election Commission and informed them that neither was there any violation of the Representation of the People Act nor of model code during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. We fail to understand why Election Commission has given us a notice on the complaint of NCPCR," Mr. Ramesh told reporters.

"People come in thousands on roads and want selfies clicked with Rahul Gandhi. This is not an illegal act, there is no election campaigning," he added.

Without naming NCPCR chief Priyank Kanoongo, Mr. Ramesh said since its inception in 2007, for the first time the panel is headed by an RSS-BJP functionary. He said they had presented a document over the "childish behaviour" of the NCPCR and asserted that "only a painting competition was organised and Mr. Gandhi participated in a prize distribution ceremony".

Height of success: Mulayam Singh at his residence in Lucknow on November 29, 1993, after the success in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly election. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Coalition at work: With leaders of the National Front and the Left Front during their meeting in New Delhi on May 12, 1996 during the height of the coalition politics era. SANDEEP SAXENA

Bonding time: Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the wedding of Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, grand-nephew of Mulayam Singh, and Raj Laxmi, daughter of Lalu Prasad, in New Delhi. PTI

Power of unity: With Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) president Lalu Prasad and Lok Janshakti Party leader Ram Vilas Paswan in Lucknow on April 3, 2009. SUBIR ROY

Staunch secularist, consummate politician

- Mulayam was a three-time U.P. Chief Minister, and Defence Minister
- SP founder was a teacher by profession, farmer by lineage, wrestler by training
- He suffered electoral losses after ordering firing on Kar Sevaks in 1990
- Astute leader survived the cauldron of Mandal and *Kamandal* politics in U.P.

OBITUARY

Anuj Kumar

Samajwadi Party founder and patron Mulayam Singh passed away in a Gurugram hospital on Monday, after a prolonged illness. An astute politician, Mr. Singh blazed a trail by putting backward castes at the centre of Uttar Pradesh politics and served as the Chief Minister of the State three times (1989 to 1991, 1993 to 1995, and 2003 to 2007). He is survived by his sons, Akhilesh and Prateek.

A strong votary of secular politics, Mr. Singh suffered electoral losses after he ordered the firing on the Kar Sevaks at the peak of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement in 1990, but he pitted himself as the saviour of the spirit of the Constitution and returned to rule the State by forging a strong Muslim-Yadav combination.

He held the Defence Minister's portfolio during the United Front government in 1996, after coming tantalisingly close to the Prime Minister's chair when coalition politics was the order of the day.

Under his watch, the Samajwadi Party, surprisingly, returned to power in 2012 but he decided to pass on the baton to Mr. Akhilesh, leading to a feud in the Yadav family.

A teacher by profession, farmer by lineage, and wrestler by training, Mr. Singh, hailing from a non-political background, emerged from a modest hamlet in Saifai of Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh that lies on the cusp of the Chambal ravines. More than a son of the soil, he was a child of the wilderness, who, following the path of his mentor Chaudhary Charan Singh, decimated the Congress, which represented the upper caste hold of U.P. politics.

It is not that every move of the 10-time MLA and seven-time MP worked, but his tenacity and touch with the grassroots ensured that the Samajwadi Party survived the cauldron of Mandal and *Kamandal* (caste and religion) politics.

In the theatre of national politics, he acted according to the party's interests in Uttar Pradesh. In 1999, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee lost the trust vote by a solitary vote, he kept Sonia Gandhi away from the throne by invoking her foreign origin. However, in 2007, when the Left parties withdrew support from the United Progressive Alliance, he stood by the Congress to keep Mayawati, his principal opponent in the State, out.

In 1980, when Mr. Singh lost the Assembly election, he feared that the V.P. Singh government would stage his encounter. He rushed to Charan Singh, who sent him to the Legislative Council and made him the Leader of the Opposition. However, when V.P. Singh broke his ties with the Congress, formed

In the theatre of national politics, he acted according to the party's interests in Uttar Pradesh

the Janata Dal and emerged as a candidate of the National Front for the PM's post, Mr. Singh joined hands with his opponent and became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

When the V.P. Singh government collapsed, Mr. Singh quickly switched sides to his successor Chandra Shekhar, despite the fact that the implementation of the Mandal Commission Report by the National Front government opened new doors for the marginalised sections in politics. He had to pay a political price for this as the Janata Dal was reduced to 98 seats from 208 in the 1991 Assembly polls and allowed the Bahujan Samaj Party to find a foot hold in U.P. politics.

With his triumvirate of Janeshwar Mishra, Beni Prasad Verma and Azam Khan by his side, Mr. Singh invoked his socialist roots and formed the Samajwadi Party in 1992. He tied up with Mayawati in 1994 which ended in an ugly fallout in 1995. It is said that his return to power in 2003, which saved him from the political wilderness, was because of the blessings of Mr. Vajpayee.

He struck a fine balance between Amar Singh, his link to big corporates, Azam Khan, his bond with conservative Muslims, and his younger brother Shivpal, his Man Friday in the party organisation. After seeing the plight of his contemporaries like Lalu Prasad, he made peace with the ruling dispensation by praising Narendra Modi in Parliament.

The impertinent and sexist comments almost condoning the perpetrators of rape and his opposition to reservation for women in Parliament continued to haunt him but he refused to change his tone. Mr. Singh knew his vote bank too well but he could also sense the writing on the virtual walls of social media. So, he passed on the reins of the party to his son, who has a progressive outlook.

Mulayam Singh | A life in pictures
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Body arrives at native Saifai in U.P., cremation to be held today

Press Trust of India
ETAWAH

The body of Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh arrived at his native Saifai village here on Monday evening, hours after the leader died at a hospital in Gurugram.

The body was brought here from Medanta Hospital. It has been kept at the Saifai festival ground for people to pay their final respects and the cremation will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

Besides a large number of people who waited to see the departed leader at the venue, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, former MP Dharmendra Yadav and other family members were present. Mr. Singh's brother Shivpal Yadav was seen comforting Akhilesh Yadav by placing his hand on his shoulder as the latter broke down.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh and BJP State president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary also paid their tributes and extended their condolences to Mr. Akhilesh. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and his Bihar counterpart, Nitish Kumar, are likely to arrive at the venue.

Rahul holds prayer meet for Mulayam

Press Trust of India
HIRIYUR

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi held a prayer meeting in memory of Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh at his resting camp here on Monday and paid tributes to the leader.

Mr. Gandhi, taking part in the Bharat Jodo Yatra, held a five-minute "shok sabha" and observed silence for two minutes in memory of Mr. Mulayam, a former Defence Minister and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

He was joined by senior leaders Digvijaya Singh and Randeep Surjewala and Karnataka unit chief D.K. Shivakumar. Mr. Gandhi described Mr. Mulayam as a "true warrior" of grassroots politics.

"His demise has left a huge void in the political arena. His dynamic persona will continue to inspire many generations of Indians

L.K. ADVANI
BJP leader

"He was an able proponent of social justice and defender of minority rights. Country lost a tall leader of the marginalised at a crucial hour

D. RAJA
CPI general secretary

"The champion of the interests of the marginalised, Mulayam *ji* steadfastly fought against religious bigotry at a crucial time for India

SITARAM YECHURY
CPI(M) general secretary

BJP, AAP engage in war of words over video insulting PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday took exception to a derogatory remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reportedly made by Gujarat Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Gopal Italia, terming it an "an insult to the democratic process of India and the State".

The AAP said the video was shot before Mr. Italia became an AAP member. The party also released a video of Delhi BJP MP Parvesh Verma in which he is purportedly using abusive words to refer to AAP chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

The BJP's IT cell incharge Amit Malviya had on Sunday shared a video on Twitter in which Mr. Italia, the State unit chief of the AAP, can allegedly be heard calling Mr. Modi "*neech aadmi*" (a lowly person). Addressing a press conference on Monday, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said the language used by the AAP showed its intention. "All Prime Ministers are democratically elected. And calling them *neech aadmi* is an insult to the democratic process of India... parliamentary process of the country," he said.

Responding, AAP national spokesperson Sanjay Singh said Mr. Italia belonged to the Patel community whose leaders were shot dead on the "directions of the BJP".

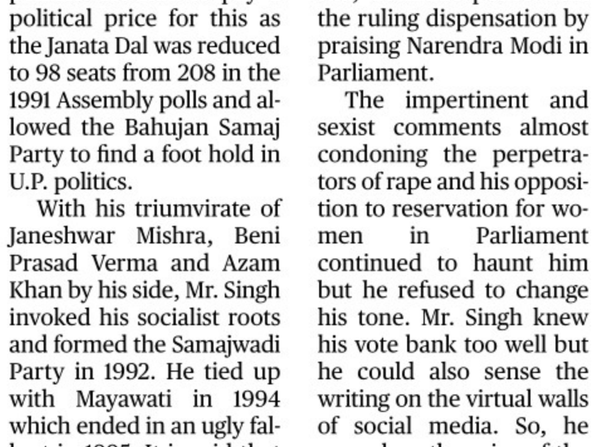
"The same Patel community which is hated by BJP. Hence, the entire BJP is targeting Gopal Italia. They have released a video, they should also release the video of their MP if they have the guts to show the language he has used for a Chief Minister," Mr. Singh said.

'Urban Naxals' attempting to enter Gujarat with new appearances: PM

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

In full-fledged campaign mode in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said "urban Naxals" were trying to gain entry into the State, an apparent reference to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Aam Aadmi Party, which is taking on the BJP in a triangular contest in the upcoming State Assembly election.

Mr. Modi also had a warning for the BJP cadre when he said that the Congress was working "silently", campaigning in villages and rural areas to convince youth to vote against the BJP.



Campaign mode: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and others in Anand district on Monday. PTI

Second day of visit

On the second day of his three-day visit to his home State, Mr. Modi addressed rallies at Amod in Bharuch and Vallabh Vidhyanagar in Anand. He also attended a community function in Ahmedabad and a brief roadshow and government function in Jamnagar.

Addressing the rally in Bharuch, where he laid the foundation stone of a drug manufacturing plant, among other projects, Mr. Modi slammed the AAP and its leaders, calling them "urban Naxals" who were out to provoke the youth. "Urban Naxals are trying to enter the State with new appearances. They have changed their costumes. They are misleading and provoking our innocent and energetic youth into following them," Mr. Modi said.

He also blamed activists for stalling the Narmada project for which the State had to go to the Supreme Court to get the green signal to build the dam and a sprawling canal network that brings Narmada water to the parched areas of Saurashtra and north Gujarat.

"The urban Naxals are setting foot from above. We won't let them destroy our young generation. We should warn our children against the urban Naxals who have taken up the task of destroying the country. They are agents of foreign powers. Gujarat will not bow before them, Gujarat will destroy them," the Prime Minister said.

He also slammed the Opposition party leaders for not visiting the Statue of Unity, a towering statue of Sardar Patel built over the Narmada river in south Gujarat. Paying tributes to Sardar Patel, who hailed from Anand district, Mr. Modi credited him for merging the princely states into the Union of India at the time of Independence and for bringing unity in the country.

He also took the opportunity to take a veiled dig at Jawaharlal Nehru for failing to resolve the Kashmir issue after Independence.

EC allots new names to Sena factions till it decides on dispute

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Monday allotted new names to the two factions of the Shiv Sena for the Andheri (East) Assembly byelection. The new names will remain till it passes a final order on the dispute over control of the party name and symbol.

The two factions, one led by former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and the other by current Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, had been asked to submit three choices of names and symbols by Monday, after the EC froze the name 'Shiv Sena' and its bow-and-arrow symbol last week in an interim order.

In letters to the two leaders on Monday, the EC said both groups had submitted the same first choice of name: Shiv Sena (Balasaheb Thackeray); so the name was not allotted to either. The two factions were allotted the second choice name they had proposed: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) for Mr. Uddhav's group and Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena for Mr. Shinde's group.

The EC allotted the 'flaming torch' symbol to Mr. Thackeray's group.

Both factions had given their first choice as 'trishul', but the EC rejected it as it has religious connotations, a violation of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. Both sides had given "rising sun" as their second choice. Since the "rising sun" is the DMK symbol, it was not allotted.

The Shinde group had given the "gada" as its third option which was rejected. Mr. Shinde was asked to submit another list of symbols by 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

INBRIEF

Jammu, Srinagar airports to get bigger passenger facilities

Airports in Jammu and Srinagar will get an expanded passenger facility, Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia said. The Minister said that a sum of ₹861 crore will be spent on Jammu's civil enclave, or passenger facility at the Defence airport in Satwari. Srinagar's Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport will also get an expanded passenger terminal at a cost of ₹1,500 crore, the Minister said. The passenger building will be expanded from 20,000 sq metre to 60,000 sq metre. Mr. Scindia lauded the Union Territory administration for decreasing the VAT on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) from 26.5% to 1% in Jammu and Kashmir.

Centre launches 24x7 tele-mental health service

Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are among the 20 States and Union Territories brought under the tele-mental health programme launched on the occasion of World Mental Health Day on Monday. Tele-mental health assistance and networking across State (Tele-MANAS), an initiative of the Health Ministry, was virtually launched by Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot. The Central government aims to open at least one Tele-MANAS cell in each State/U.T. A toll-free, 24/7 helpline number (14416) has been set up, allowing callers to select the language of their choice for availing the services.

SC dismisses plea to declare cow as national animal

The Supreme Court on October 10 refused to entertain a plea to direct the government to declare the cow a national animal. "Is it this court's job to declare the national animal," a Bench led by Justices S.K. Kaul asked the petitioner. "Cow protection is very important for the Indian government... Its urine is used, cow dung is used for agricultural purposes. Cows have to be protected," the petitioner-lawyer argued. "Why do you file such petitions where we are compelled to impose costs? Which fundamental right is affected?", Justice Kaul said. The petition was finally dismissed.

Paresh Rawal meets protesting students of NSD

Paresh Rawal, Chairperson of the National School of Drama (NSD), on Monday met protesting students of the premier institute and assured them that all their grievances would be addressed. In a written assurance to the students, Mr. Rawal fixed a meeting of the students with the NSD society on October 20, in which he said all the issues raised by the students would be addressed. Members of the NSD student union said that following the meeting, the hunger strike by nine students had been called off. A total of 78 students have been protesting against various issues, including the appointment of a permanent Director for the institute.

For young lovers, a harrowing search for safe houses

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Amit Kumar had everything going for him. After graduating in engineering and landing a decent job, he wanted to settle down with his childhood sweetheart Renu. The couple had known each other since Class 9. The only difficulty was that Renu belonged to a Brahmin family and Amit was a Dalit.

With their homes barely a kilometre apart in Garhwa district of Jharkhand, Renu knew her family would never approve of the match. The couple decided to run away and tie the knot in another State. And thus began their tale of unending harassment and tragedy.

The couple married at a temple in Dehradun and got their marriage registered there. They had just about settled down at Paonta Sahib in Himachal Pradesh when, in a midnight raid, the Uttar Pradesh Police took away Renu, claiming that she had been abducted. Amit and Renu have not seen or spoken to each other since that fateful night of August 13, 2021.

Amit's life has been a quagmire of legal battles and dismissed *habeas corpus* petitions since then. "I fear my wife is no more," he told *The Hindu*.

Activists say such tragic situations can be avoided if couples like Amit and Renu are provided safe houses and special protection by the State governments as mandated by the Supreme Court.

According to data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of "honour killings" in the country was 24, 25 and 33 in 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively.

No support: Ravikant Chandrawanshi and Alisha had a tough time getting married under the Special Marriage Act. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand topped the list in 2021 and 2020, and Manipur in 2019.

The government in 2021 informed Parliament that there were 145 "honour killing" incidents in the country between 2017 and 2019.

Interestingly, though the NCRB report attributed only 25 deaths to "honour killings" in 2020, it said there were 27 deaths due to casteism and 1,558 due to "illicit relationship". Similarly, in 2021, 33 deaths were listed under "honour killings", but 1,544 and 1,532 under "illicit relationship" and "love affairs", respectively. So far, only Delhi, Haryana and Punjab have safe houses for inter-faith and inter-religious couples. Kerala has only announced the setting up of a safe house.

The Supreme Court had in 2018 directed that safe houses be set up in every district as well as a special cell in States for couples facing opposition from families and community.

An example is of Ravikant Chandrawanshi and Alisha, who had a harrowing time getting married under the Special Marriage Act in Chhattisgarh.

The inter-faith couple at first decided to elope and marry in Bilaspur. However, a lack of support system and security saw them return home in Kawardha within four days.

"As my wife's family were well to do and politically connected, they kept up the pressure on us. Finally, we approached the High Court asking them to direct the State administration to provide the mandated safe house and police protection," Mr. Chandrawanshi said.

"We were informed that there was no safe house and Alisha had to go to a *sakhi* centre or a women's safe house," he added.

According to Asif Iqbal of Dhanak for Humanity, most States send the girl to a Nari Niketan after couples approach them. "It is here that a girl's family mostly approaches her and puts pressure to go back. Many a time, this also leads to what is known as honour killing of the girl."

Mr. Iqbal, whose organisation has helped couples seek legal recourse to get married, said that of the distress calls he receives, the most were from Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

'Trying to build support among SC communities'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid opposition from sections of Dalit Hindu communities to the granting of Scheduled Caste status to Dalits who converted to Christianity and Islam, the National Council of Dalit Christians (NCDC) is making efforts to build a consensus among them to get support for their cause, NCDC Chairperson V.J. George said.

The statement comes even as their challenge to the religion criteria of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, is to be heard by the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

According to a notification issued last Thursday, the Union government has formed a three-member Commission of Inquiry to look into whether Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims can be granted SC status and the implications of such a decision.

Mr. George said the terms of reference for the panel should not be unfairly skewed to consider the opposition from existing SC communities.

In addition to reaching out to Dalit Hindu communities, the NCDC said that it was also "negotiating and interacting with the Church hierarchy" to see how the Christian community could come together to fight caste mindset.

CBI chargesheets ex-Telecom Minister A. Raja in assets case

'He was in possession of wealth and pecuniary resources to the extent of ₹5.53 crore, a 579% deviation from the known sources of income'

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has chargesheeted former Union Telecom Minister A. Raja, Nilgiris MP, in a disproportionate assets case registered in 2015.

Upon completion of investigation in the seven-year-old case, the agency filed the chargesheet against Mr. Raja and five others in a special court for CBI cases in Chennai recently.

The final investigation report accused Mr. Raja of accumulating assets of ₹5.53 crore, which it alleged, was disproportionate to his known sources of income.

The case was registered after the 2G spectrum allocation case in which Mr. Raja was accused by the CBI of bias in allotment of air waves and operating licences to telecom firms causing a huge loss to the state exchequer. A Delhi court later acquitted him of all charges in 2017.

The CBI registered the disproportionate assets case against the former Minister and 16 others, including his family members, on August 18, 2015. The agency accused them of accumulating disproportionate assets of ₹27.92 crore during the check period October 1999-September 2010.

The case was registered after 2G spectrum allocation case in which Mr. Raja was accused of bias in allotment of air waves. SUDERSHAN V

Soon after registering the case under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the CBI conducted simultaneous searches at 20 places in New Delhi and at Chennai, Coimbatore, Tiruchi and Perambalur in Tamil Nadu. Documents such as income-tax returns, property documents, financial statements and fixed deposit receipts were seized. CBI sources said some of the documents seized during searches conducted in the 2G spectrum case also formed the basis for initiating the assets case.

It has been established during investigation that Mr. Raja was in possession of wealth and pecuniary resources to the extent of ₹5.53 crore, which is a 579% deviation from the known sources of income, sources in the agency told *The Hindu* on Monday.

The case relates to the tenure of Mr. Raja as Lok Sabha member, Union Minister of State for Rural Development, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare in the BJP-led government at the Centre.

Address stigma in mental health, says Lancet Commission

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

90% of people living with mental health conditions feel negatively impacted by discrimination

On Monday, observed as World Mental Health Day, *The Lancet* released a new report calling for radical action to end stigma and discrimination in mental health, indicating that 90% of people living with mental health conditions feel negatively impacted by stigma and discrimination.

Further, 80% said stigma and discrimination can be worse than the condition itself. Additionally, 90% of those surveyed felt that media could play a major role in reducing stigma. The report was the result of the labours of the new Lancet Commission on Ending Stigma and Discrimination in Mental Health.

As per the commission, stigma can "cause social exclusion and disempowerment of people with mental health conditions leading to discrimination and human rights violations, including problems in accessing healthcare, challenges in securing employment, and increased likelihood of health complications leading to early death".

Thara Rangaswamy, *The Lancet* commissioner and co-founder, Schizophrenia Research Foundation, Chennai, said though there is a gradual reduction of stigma in the country, it continues to be a real and present problem. She said women with a diagnosis of severe mental disorder and their family members face more stigma which has ramifications for marriage and employment. She also made a mention of the Indian visual media that still perpetuate mental illnesses negatively.

The commission called for immediate action from governments, international organisations, healthcare provider and media organi- sations, along with active contributions from people with lived experience, to work together to eliminate mental health stigma. For instance, it is recommended that countries take action to decriminalise suicide, therefore reducing the stigma around it. Employers are to promote full access to educational opportunities, work participation and return-to-work programmes for people with mental health conditions, and the school curriculum should include sessions to improve understanding of mental health conditions.

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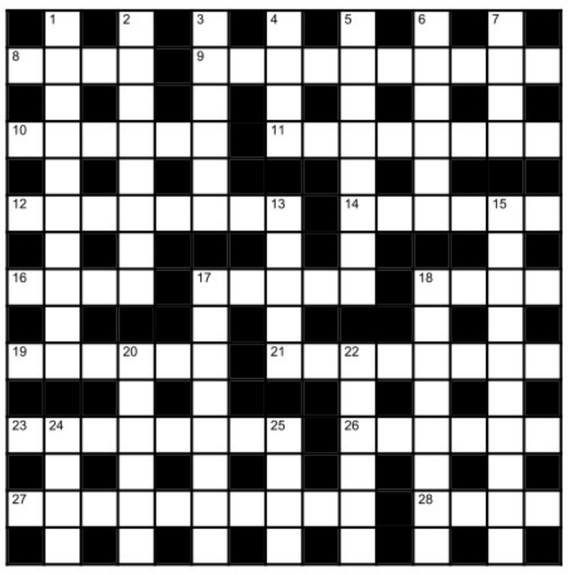

Across

8 Relaxation found in forests (4)
9 Erroneous Korean list for transport ships (3,7)
10 Husband leaves Thai wife a new island (6)
11 Settle: Infants see everything at first (8)
12 Reformed shrew loves beginning of date in Robin Hood's forest? (8)
14 Festival in overseas territory (6)
16 Bird is being insanely silly in the beginning (4)
17 Require women soldiers (5)
18 Omit small nap (4)
19 Abandons plant parts (6)
21 Do a dry run on corpse carrier (8)
23 Put together animal sign, after removing tail (8)
26 Three parts each of milk ordered for aristocratic address (6)
27 Dismiss Enrolled Nurse (General) in English emergency relief vehicle (4,6)
28 Cry, little prince (4)

Down

1 German piece of furniture carrying tea? It can be removed... (10)
2 Attendants' note: Part of hospital is on board ship (8)
3 Enter Santo Domingo wrongly after getting rid of nomads (2,4)
4 Coalition's book on Line of Control (4)
5 Exciting US travel for jumpers (8)
6 Horribly sunk king and small, smelly animals (6)
7 Initial attack on Royal Mail Service to get weapons (4)
13 Benefactor's name mentioned in portal (5)
15 English girl gets sign for messengers (10)
17 How Ibsen broke forked part of a bird? (8)
18 After commencement of supper, Wolfram permits gulps (8)
20 Saw and weed lying about after 6 (6)
22 Radio operator and setter gets right tool (6)
24 VIPs return for flashily dressed guy of doubtful morality (4)
25 Large lake in Kaveri estuary (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 10681

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Refuge of Saivites

Followers of Saiva Siddhanta believe that one automatically attains mukti, if one of the following conditions is fulfilled: if one is born in Thiruvarur; if one dies in Varanasi; if one thinks of Thiruvannamalai; if one worships at Chidambaram.

Birth and death are not in our hands. Given our lack of concentration, even constant thinking about Lord Siva is elusive for most of us. But worshipping at Chidambaram is definitely possible, said T. Rajarathinam in a discourse.

Lord Siva dances in five places (sabhai). Of these Chidambaram is known as Kanaka sabhai. There are Siva temples which represent one each of the five elements. Fire is represented by Thiruvannamalai; water by Thiruvanaikka; air by Kalahasthi; earth by Kanchipuram and Thiruvarur; and sky by Chidambaram. In the past, Chidambaram was densely covered with thillai trees. Hence Chidambaram is also known as Thillai. Sage Vyagrapada worshipped here. Vyagrapada means "tiger's feet." Hence Chidambaram is also called Puliyur, because in Tamil puli means tiger. Sage Patanjali also worshipped at this shrine. Explaining the name 'Chidambaram', Pamban Swami said it literally meant 'sky of jnana.' Although there are many Siva temples, if a Saivite speaks of 'koyil,' it means Chidambaram. . Chidambaram is referred to as 'cit sabha' or 'jnana sabha.' Sekkizhar, the 12th century poet, wanted to compose a work documenting the lives of the Nayanmaars. As he sat in the Chidambaram temple, pondering how to begin this work, Lord Siva gave him the first verse. Twenty-five padigams of Manickavachagar's Thiruvachagam were composed in Chidambaram.

SEOUL

N. Korea's recent tests were 'tactical nuclear' drills overseen by Kim

North Korea's recent missile tests involved "tactical nuclear" drills to simulate hitting the South, and were overseen by leader Kim Jong-Un in response to U.S.-led joint military exercises, state media said. The country had revised its nuclear laws last month to allow pre-emptive strikes. AFP

MEXICO CITY

Tropical storm Julia emerges over Pacific after crossing Nicaragua

Tropical storm Julia emerged over the Eastern Pacific on Sunday evening after pummelling Nicaragua with rain and winds that damaged hundreds of homes but left no reported casualties in that country. Authorities attributed three deaths in Honduras to the storm, including a young woman and a four-year-old boy. REUTERS

KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysian Prime Minister dissolves Parliament, announces snap polls

Malaysia's Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob dissolved parliament on Monday to clear the way for snap elections in a bid to restore political stability as the country emerges from the ravages of COVID-19 and a multi-billion dollar corruption scandal. Elections could be held within weeks, mostly likely in November. AFP

LONDON

Julian Assange has tested positive for COVID-19 in prison, says wife

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has tested positive for COVID-19, his wife said on Monday, as she battles his extradition to the United States. The Australian national, now 51, has been held at London's Belmarsh prison since 2019, after serving time for skipping bail in a previous case. REUTERS

Putin vows 'severe' attacks after Russian missiles hit Ukraine

At least 11 killed in strikes that were apparent retaliation for explosion at the Crimea bridge; Kyiv calls it a response to embarrassing losses

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday vowed even more "severe" retaliation against Kyiv after Kremlin launched a barrage of fatal bombardments across Ukraine.

The biggest wave of strikes across Ukraine in months killed at least 11 persons nationwide, and was apparent retaliation for an explosion this weekend that damaged a key bridge linking Russia to the Moscow-annexed Crimean peninsula.

"Let there be no doubt," Mr. Putin said in televised comments addressed to his security council, "if attempts at terrorist attacks continue, the response from Russia will be severe."

Mr. Putin's predecessor, Dmitry Medvedev, warned on social media that the strikes - which disrupted water and electricity services across Ukraine - were only "the first episode".

Russia's Defence Ministry confirmed it had targeted Ukrainian energy, military command and communications facilities, claiming the strikes had been a success and "achieved their aims".

Shock wave: People gathered outside a partially destroyed office building in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv on Monday. AFP

Ukraine's Foreign Minister said the attacks had not been "provoked" and the onslaught was Moscow's response to a series of embarrassing military losses in eastern Ukraine.

"Putin is desperate because of battlefield defeats and uses missile terror to try to change the pace of war in his favour," Dmytro Kuleba wrote on social media.

French President Emmanuel Macron said that the air strikes signalled a "profound change" in the conduct of the war.

The "deliberate strikes by Russia over the whole of Ukraine's territory and against civilians, it's a profound change in the nature of this war," Mr. Macron told reporters during a trip to the Mayenne region of France, adding that he would convene his diplomatic and military advisors when he returned to Paris.

The European Union believes Russia's missile attacks "amounts to a war crime," a spokesman for the bloc's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on Monday.

Moldova says missiles crossed its airspace

Agence France-Presse
CHISINAU

Moldova said that Russian cruise missiles targeting Ukraine had crossed its airspace, and summoned Moscow's envoy to demand an explanation.

Meanwhile Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, a close ally of Russian leader Vladimir Putin, claimed on Monday that Ukraine was preparing an attack on his country's territory.

"I've said already that today Ukraine is not just discussing but planning strikes on the territory of Belarus," Mr. Lukashenko said. "We have agreed to deploy a regional grouping of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus," he added.

Fed ex-Chair Ben Bernanke shares Nobel with 2 other U.S. economists

Associated Press
STOCKHOLM

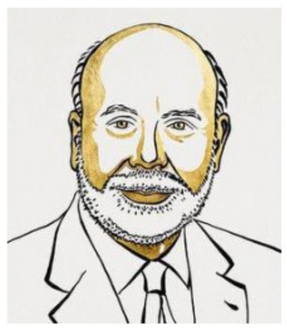
Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke, who put his academic expertise on the Great Depression to work reviving the American economy after the 2007-2008 financial crisis, won the Nobel Prize in economic sciences along with two other U.S.-based economists for their research into the fallout from bank failures.

Mr. Bernanke was recognised on Monday along with Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig. The Nobel panel at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm said the trio's research had shown "why avoiding bank collapses is vital."

With their findings in the early 1980s, the laureates laid the foundations for regulating financial markets, the panel said.

"Financial crises and depressions are kind of the worst thing that can happen to the economy," said John Hassler of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences.

"These things can happen again. And we need to have an understanding of the mechanism behind those and what to do about it. And the laureates this year provide that," he added.



Ben Bernanke

Douglas W. Diamond

Philip H. Dybvig

Danger of bank runs

Mr. Bernanke, 68, who was Fed chair from early 2006 to early 2014 and is now with the Brookings Institution in Washington, examined the Great Depression of the 1930s, showing the danger of bank runs – when panicked people withdraw their savings – and how bank collapses led to widespread economic devastation.

Mr. Diamond, 68, based at the University of Chicago, and Mr. Dybvig, 67, who is at Washington University in St. Louis, showed how government guarantees on deposits can prevent a spiraling of financial crises.

Protests in Iran over woman's death reach key oil industry

Associated Press
DUBAI

Workers at refineries crucial for Iran's oil and natural gas production protested on Monday over the death of a 22-year-old woman, online videos appeared to show, escalating the crisis faced by Tehran.

The demonstrations in Abadan and Asaluyeh mark the first time the unrest surrounding the death of Mahsa Amini threatened the industry crucial to the coffers of Iran. While it remains unclear if other workers will follow, the protests come as demonstrations rage on across Iran over the September 16 death of Amini after her arrest by the country's morality police in Tehran.

Early on Monday, the sound of apparent gunshots and explosions echoed through the streets of a city in western Iran, while security forces reportedly killed one man in a nearby village, activists said.

Videos showed students demonstrating, with some women and girls marching through the streets without headscarves as the protests continue into a fourth week. The demonstrations represent one of the biggest challenges to Iran's theocracy since the 2009 Green Movement protests.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING BIDS NO.11 & 12 (2022-23)
RVPN invites competitive BIDS for following Civil works from experienced, reputed contractors registered in appropriate class with RRVPNL & A or AA class in Central/ State Government Department and their undertakings and registered in GST department. The Tender/bid shall only be submitted through online tendering system of **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**. The interested bidders shall have to be enrolled/ registered with portal of **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** for participating in the bidding process. S. No. 01 to 20 (NIB No. 11(2022-23) & 01 to 25. (NIB No. 12 (2022-23) UBN No.
(VPN2223WSOB01200) to (VPN2223WSOB01237)
(VPN2223WSOB01239) to (VPN2223WSOB01245)
RRVPN/TR-5607/2022
Raj.Samwad/C/22/8829
Superintending Engineer (Civil), Jodhpur

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the Work : **Construction of Boundary wall, Rest room, canteen building and 20 seated toilet & bath units along with the new gate around the bulb road at L&T junction near Gate No.1.** Estimated Cost : **Rs.3,49,87,365.07.** Last date & time of submission : **19.10.2022 upto 17:00 Hrs**.
Refer our Website for details : **eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**
Executive Engineer, HWD-II, PPA
PPA/PR/201/22-23, Dt.10/10/22

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
TENDER CALL NOTICE NO.EM/WS-37/2022
File No.EM/WS/TECH-04/2022/1564
Date: 30.09.2022
Name of the Work : **"Grant of license for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 03 nos. 100 Ton Capacity HMCs for a period of 05 years extendable to another one year".** Last date and time of submission of bid : **Dt.16.11.2022 upto 1800 hrs**. Refer our Website for details :**https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**
Executive Engineer (M), Workshop Division-I, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/203/22-23, Dt.10/10/2022

JUNGLE LODGES AND RESORTS LTD.
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
CIN: U55103KA1980SGC003775
#49, West Wing, Ground Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-01. Phone No.: 080-4055 4055/45 Fax: 080-4055 4040
Website: **www.junglelodges.com e-Mail: accounts@junglelodges.com**
No.: JLRL/2022-23/KRS/IND75 Date: 07.10.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Jungle Lodges and Resorts Ltd., invites tender for Selection of a Hotel Operator to Operate and Maintain Hotel Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS), Brindavan Garden, Mandya District. The details of tender document is available in the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date and time for receipt of tender document **through e-Procurement portal** is **14.11.2022 at 15.00 Hrs** and the EMD amount payable is **Rs.25,00,000/-.**
For any clarification please contact +91 80 23010900/01, +91 80 38013000, and Email Support: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**
Sd/- Senior General Manager

Office of Additional Chief Engineer PHED, Region Bharatpur
Telephone No 05644-222731, 221500, Email: rj_acebha@nic.in
Notice Inviting Bid No. 113 to 124/2022-23
Online bids for NIT No. 113 to 124/2022-23 (12 works), Costing Rs. 5226.73 Lacs is invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan from eligible enlisted in appropriate class contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD/ Postal/ Telecom/ Railways/ MES/ other State Government/ Central Government undertakings/ organization in class equivalent to "A/AA" class of Rajasthan (as applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply. Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen in NIB exhibited on web site www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted online electronic format on web site http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from 28-09-2022 to 10-11-2022/14-11-2022 (6 PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 AM on 11-11-2022/15-11-2022.
NIB Code:- PHE2223A3640
UBN No.
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11. PHE2223WSOB07383
12. PHE2223WLOB07384
(Ram Niwas Meena)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PHED, Region Bharatpur
DIPR/C/12728

Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority
Secretariat Campus, 4- Subhash Road, Dehradun-248001
Phone : 0135-2710334, Fax: 013572710335 Website:usdma.uk.gov.in
Vacancy Notification
No.1146/USDMA-974 (2022) **Dated : 10, October, 2022**
Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) invites applications from suitably qualified deserving candidates for filling up the following posts created in accordance with office Memorandum 1130/USDMA-974(2022) dated 06 October, 2022 on deputation or contract basis;

Sl. No.	Post / Mode	No. of Post	Pay Scale / Salary (In Rupees)
1.	Civil and Construction Expert (on Contract / Deputation)	01	Rs. 1,10,000/- on contract basis Grade Pay-6600/- on Deputation
2	Project Manager (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 1,00,000/-
3.	Geologist (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-
4.	Earthquake Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-
5.	GIS Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-
6.	System Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-
7.	IEC Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-
8.	Meteorology Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 85,000/-
9.	Training and Capacity Building Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-
10.	IRS Expert (on contract basis)	01	Rs. 70,000/-

The Detailed notification / application format etc. is available on the website of USDMA at **https://usdma.uk.gov.in.**
(Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha)
Secretary

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E-mail:SE.PP.RUVNL@RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN; Website: www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvnl
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online bids are invited to procure 250 MW RTC power from 16th October 2022 to 30th November 2022 on short term basis from various Generators/ State Utilities/ CPPs/ Distribution Licensees/ SEBs/ Trading Licensees as per specification under TN-15/RUVNL/FY 2022-23. May visit website www.mstcecommerce.com / www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvnl for further details.
Raj.samwad/C/22/8702 RUVNL/PR-32 (2022) **Superintending Engineer (PP)**

Office of The Additional Chief Engineer,
PHED, Region-Kota
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for works under JJM are invited from interested bidders upto 17.10.2022 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, and http://rajwater.gov.in departmental website detail are following :-

NIT. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Date & time for online submission of tender
25/22-23	Construction of 02 No - 15 Mtr Diameter RCC Intake well with RCC approach Bridge on either Bank of Parwan River under Parwan Akawad Water Supply Project Distt Jhalawar, Baran & Kota. **UBN No. PHE2223WLOB07324**	Rs. 1569.92 Lacs	27-09-2022 at 10:00 Hrs upto 17-10-2022 (upto 18:00 Hrs)
26/22-23	Work of Augmentation of RWSS Manoharthana, Gram Panchayat Manoharthana Panchayat Samiti Manoharthana of Sub division Aklera to provide FHTC including one year Defect Liability period under JJM in the Jurisdiction of PHED Division Jhalawar District Jhalawar. **UBN No. PHE2223WSOB07325**	Rs. 268.49 Lacs	

(Mahesh Jangid)
Additional Chief Engineer
PHED, Region, Kota
DIPR/C/12864

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TRACTION BRANCH, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
E-TENDER NOTICE
NO.V/TRD-OT/09/2022-23
Dated 06.10.2022
Name of Work: Electrification of pit lines 1 and 2 at KCVL for train set operation
Tender Value : Rs.1,56,89,142.31
Period of Completion: 180 days
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.2,28,500/-
Date and Time of Tender Closing: 02.11.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs.

NO.V/TRD-OT/10/2022-23 item 1, Dated 07.10.2022
Name of Work: TVC Division – OHE Modification in connection with raising of platform at various stations
Tender Value : Rs.29,41,549.67
Period of Completion: 180 days
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.58,800/-
Date and Time of Tender Closing: 03.11.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs.

NO.V/TRD-OT/10/2022-23 item 2, Dated 07.10.2022
Name of Work: TVC Division – Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Ernakulam (ERS) for two years .
Tender Value: Rs.36,22,528.23
Period of Completion: 2 years
Cost fo Tender Document: Rs.3,540/-
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.72,500/-
Date and Time of Tender Closing: 04.11.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs.

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.V/TRD-OT/10/2022-23 item 3, Dated 07.10.2022
Name of Work: TVC Division – Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Kazhakuttam (KZK) for two years .
Tender Value : Rs.21,94,040.89
Period of Completion: 2 years
Cost to Tender Document : Rs.3,540/-
Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.43,900/-
Date and Time of Tender Closing : 04.11.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs.

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.V/TRD-OT/10/2022-23 item 4, Dated 07.10.2022
Name of Work: TVC Division – Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Nanguneri (NNN) for one year .
Tender Value : Rs.6,84,194.60
Period of Completion: 1 year
Cost fo Tender Document: Rs.2,360/-
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.13,700/-
Date and Time of Tender Closing : 04.11.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs.

Complete Details and Tender Document will be available at **http://www.ireps.gov.in**
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Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India
REGIONAL OFFICE, KARNATAKA
No.10, BINNY FIELDS, TANK BUND ROAD, (NEAR BINNY MILLS, NEXT TO ETA MALL), BINNYPET, BENGALURU – 560 023. Ph: 080-26742485 | E-mail: esicbng@nic.in
No.53.Z.17.20.02.2021/RO/Med (Adm) Date: 10.10.2022
ADDENDUM
ADMISSIONS TO DIPLOMA IN PARAMEDICAL COURSES UNDER "INSURED PERSONS (IPs) QUOTA–PARAMEDICAL (PM)" AT ESIC PARAMEDICAL INSTITUTION, GULBARGA, KARNATAKA FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23: EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION
In continuation to the Admission Notice Published vide Console Nos. 379/2022 dated 29.09.2022 and 381/2022, dated 05.10.2022 **(https://www.esic.nic.in/admissions)** and various leading newspapers, the last date for submitting duly filled applications (through E-mail only) for admissions to Diploma in Paramedical Courses under "Insured Persons (IPs) Quota is **now extended upto 14.10.2022 by 23:59 hrs.**
NB*: *The candidates are advised to regularly visit the website for updates.
Sd/-
Regional Director (I/c)

INBRIEF

NMDC keeps iron ore prices constant for third month

Mining major NMDC has left iron ore prices unchanged for the third month in a row.

Effective October 8, the price has been fixed at ₹4,100 for a tonne of lump ore and ₹2,910 for the same quantity of fines, the firm said. An indicator of steel demand, these prices have been in force since August 11. NMDC had then raised the prices to the present level after an upward revision of ₹200 per tonne for lump ore and ₹100 for fines.

IOB revises interest rates on short, medium-term deposits

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has revised the interest rate on short-term deposits by 35 basis points and on medium-term deposits by 10 to 20 bps with effect from Monday. The interest rates offered under term deposits opened for 7 days to 45 days will garner 3.6% against 3.25%. The interest rate for 444 days is 5.85% (5.65%) and for 1 year to less than 3 years is 5.7% (5.6%), the lender said. IOB has also increased the interest rate on NRE term deposits by 10 to 20 bps across all tenors ranging from 5.75% to 5.85%.

Adani said to eye Jaiprakash cement units for ₹5,000 crore

Adani Group is in talks to buy the cement businesses of debt-laden Jaypee Group for about ₹5,000 crore as the conglomerate helmed by the richest Asian consolidates its presence in a sector it entered a few weeks ago.

Sources said the Adani Group was in advanced talks with the management of Jaiprakash Associates and the deal could be announced shortly. If the deal goes through, Adani would get almost 10 million tonnes per annum of capacity from the Jaypee Group. PTI

TCS Q2 net climbs 8.4% to ₹10,431 crore on 'strong demand'

Employee attrition stays high at 21.5%; MD says environment challenging, but flags innovation, cost optimisation 'as clients deal with volatility'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

> Order book is holding up well, with a healthy mix of growth, transformation initiatives, cloud migration and outsourcing
>
> **RAJESH GOPINATHAN**
> CEO and MD, TCS

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Ltd. on Monday said consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September 30 rose 8.4% to ₹10,431 crore from a year earlier.

This is for the first time that the quarterly net profit has crossed the ₹10,000-crore mark. Net margin stood at 18.9%, the company said.

Revenue grew 18% to ₹55,309 crore. Constant-currency revenue growth was 15.4%.

Dividend of ₹8

The company's board announced a dividend of ₹8 per share. With a net headcount addition of 9,840 during the quarter, the company's workforce stood at 6,16,171.

"We closed the quarter on a strong note," Rajesh Gopinathan, CEO and MD, told the media.

"Demand for our services continues to be very strong. We registered strong, profitable growth across all our industry verticals and in all our major markets," he added.

"This was the milestone quarter for us as we crossed ₹10,000 crore in net profit," Mr. Gopinathan added.

However, he said, "Of course, the environment is challenging and it requires all of us to remain vigilant and we once again demonstrated that our services portfolio and focus on innovation and cost optimisation are very relevant as the clients deal with the volatility and challenges," he added. "Our order book is holding up well, with a healthy mix of growth and transformation initiatives, cloud migration and outsourcing engagements."

Mitul Shah, head of research, Reliance Securities, said, "We believe that IT services would not remain immune to worsening global macros in terms of rising inflation, economic slowdown, currency headwinds and likely cut in spending."

"Revenue growth would taper down to low double digit in FY24E (estimate), while QoQ decline in order book, clear lower employee addition, higher attrition and lower pricing power ahead would lead to valuation multiple contraction close to its historical averages. Therefore, at present we have a 'sell' rating on TCS," he added.

Growth in the quarter was led by the Retail and CPG vertical (22.9%), Communications & Media (18.7%) and Technology & Services (15.9%).

North America led with 17.6% growth; Continental Europe rose 14.1% and the U.K. climbed 14.8%. In emerging markets, India grew 16.7%, Latin America rose 19% and Middle East & Africa expanded 8.2%.

The company's employee attrition rate was 21.5% for the quarter. This compares with 19.7% in the immediately preceding quarter and 11.9% a year earlier.

"All our seniors are coming to office," said Milind Lakkad, chief HR officer. "We are rostering all the other staff. One third of our staff is coming to office at least thrice a week."

He also said, "moonlighting is an ethical issue. It doesn't reflect the core values of TCS."

'Rupee may hit 84-85 per dollar by March on trade deficit, oil'

Reuters
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee could drop to 84-85 to the dollar by March due to rising crude oil prices, high trade deficit and depleting foreign exchange reserves, Elara Global Research said.

"The rupee, so far, has borne the brunt of aggressive global tightening as a hawkish (U.S.) Federal Reserve and interest rate differentials weigh on its outlook," Garima Kapoor, an economist at Elara, said.

"Elevated trade deficit prints and the recent surge in crude oil prices add to the near-term headwinds."

Ms. Kapoor expects the rupee to fall to 83.50 per U.S. dollar by December, before slipping even further to 84-85 by March.

The rupee on Monday extended its recent slide to a record low of 82.6825 following the U.S. jobs report.

Higher-than-expected jobs addition in September and a dip in the unemployment rate cemented bets of another 75 bps Fed rate hike next month, pressuring the rupee.

FM to woo investors on U.S. visit this week

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sitharaman will also meet Treasury Secretary Yellen, World Bank President Malpass

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will begin an official visit to the U.S.A. on Tuesday to participate in a host of critical bilateral and multilateral meetings, including the annual meets of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

Ms. Sitharaman will also interact with the U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and World Bank President David Malpass, separately, to discuss issues of mutual interest, according to a statement from the Finance Ministry.

During the latter half of her visit, Ms. Sitharaman will hold two round-table meetings with major U.S. investors who are members of the U.S. India Business Council and the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	57,991	-0.34
US Dollar	82.40	-0.12
Gold	51,625	-1.29
Brent oil	97.5	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3246.25	-31.35
Adani Ports	808.10	-8.80
Apollo Hosp	4340.60	-53.50
Asian Paints	3277.95	-65.75
Axis Bank	776.85	21.15
Bajaj Auto	3616.95	13.40
Bajaj Finserv	1684.40	-14.60
Bajaj Finance	7293.40	-51.75
Bharti Airtel	792.35	-0.75
BPCL	304.65	-2.75
Britannia Ind	3797.85	12.20
Cipla	1118.85	-11.65
Coal India	229.85	0.15
Divis Lab	3686.60	-49.15
Dr Reddys Lab	4380.00	3.35
Eicher Motors	3531.60	33.05
Grasim Ind	1673.95	-23.95
HCL Tech	963.25	5.55
HDFC	2298.50	-28.40
HDFC Bank	1415.00	-15.80
HDFC Life	533.20	6.35
Hero MotoCorp	2570.50	-54.45
Hindalco	407.50	-3.60
Hind Unilever	2605.60	5.90
ICICI Bank	881.75	-0.80
IndusInd Bank	1210.30	-3.10
Infosys	1462.65	11.45
ITC	327.85	-6.25
JSW Steel	666.00	-0.05
Kotak Bank	1808.25	-17.15
L&T	1909.65	-14.90
M&M	1243.00	4.15
Maruti Suzuki	8862.40	83.30
NestleIndia	19119.05	-201.95
NTPC	163.95	-0.35
ONGC	133.25	-0.80
PowerGrid Corp	208.95	-0.45
Reliance Ind	2405.80	-26.55
SBI Life	1239.30	-3.90
State Bank	530.75	0.55
Sun Pharma	946.05	-9.10
TataConsumerProduct	757.15	-23.75
Tata Motors	395.95	-16.20
Tata Steel	103.20	-0.10
TCS	3118.55	53.65
Tech Mahindra	1029.35	5.50
Titan	2680.10	-50.40
UltraTech Cement	6149.90	-53.60
UPL	683.00	-7.45
Wipro	411.30	3.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.12	82.44
Euro	80.51	80.82
British Pound	92.03	92.40
Japanese Yen (100)	56.68	56.90
Chinese Yuan	11.54	11.59
Swiss Franc	82.91	83.24
Singapore Dollar	57.49	57.72
Canadian Dollar	59.91	60.15
Malaysian Ringitt	17.65	17.73
Australian Dollar	52.76	52.97

Source:Indian Bank

Record 5.4 lakh vehicles sold during Navratri: FADA

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Vehicle retail sales in India rose 57% during the Navratri festival, clocking record sales of almost 5.4 lakh units, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said.

Total vehicle retail sales between September 26 and October 5 stood at 5,39,227 units compared with 3,42,459 units sold during Navratri last year. The sales bettered the previous best of 4,66,128 units clocked in 2019 Navratri.

Mutual funds' assets climb on higher SIP inflows: AMFI

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Total assets under management rose to ₹39.88 lakh cr. in Sept. from ₹36.73 lakh cr. a year earlier

Driven by inflows into Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs), the mutual fund (MF) industry's total assets under management rose to ₹39.88 lakh crore in September from ₹36.73 lakh crore a year earlier.

On a monthly basis, the assets under management (AUM) increased marginally from ₹39.33 lakh crore in August.

According to the latest monthly data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) released on Monday, the industry-wide net AUM stood at ₹38.42 lakh crore in September.

AMFI said the month also saw the highest-ever folio addition to 13.81 crore. Retail folios also touched an all-time high to 10.99 crore.

The contribution of SIPs rose to ₹12.97 lakh crore in September, which is the highest ever, from ₹12.69 lakh crore, AMFI said, adding that the number of SIP accounts also rose to 5.84 crore. AMFI CEO N.S. Venkatesh said SIP numbers looked healthy with the highest ever contribution in a month.

In the past few months, the market had reacted to inflationary factors and rate increases, he said. However, small investors had shown consistent faith in MF investments and they saw SIP as a means to wealth accumulation and wealth creation over a longer-term, he added.

LIC MF to raise equity schemes' share to 45%

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management Ltd. has planned to increase its share of equity schemes by 10 percentage points to 45%, said MD & CEO T.S. Ramakrishnan.

Last week, the fund house rolled out the LIC MF Multicap Fund.

"The new fund will help us to hit the 45% mark before March 23 by fetching us ₹1,500 crore against the target of ₹1,800 crore in AUM," he said.

'Space economy may touch $13 bn by 2025'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian space economy is set to reach $13 billion by 2025, according to a joint report prepared by EY and the Indian Space Association (ISpA), an apex industry association of space and satellite firms in the country.

According to the report, the space-launch segment would grow at a CAGR of 13%, spurred by growing private participation, latest technology adoption and low cost of launch services.

The satellite services and application segment would form the largest share of the space economy accounting for 36% of the ecosystem by 2025.

On the country's satellite-manufacturing opportunity, EY and ISpA said that in 2020, it was $2.1 billion. This would reach $3.2 billion by the year 2025.

India Cements sells stake in Springway to JSW Cement

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The India Cements Ltd. (ICL) has divested the entire shareholding held by it in Springway Mining Pvt. Ltd. for a total consideration of ₹476.87 crore to JSW Cement Ltd.

Springway owns limestone-bearing land in Panna district and was in the process of setting up of a 3-million tonne integrated cement plant at Gaisabad Tehsil, Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh, ICL said in a regulatory filing.

Sport

'Impact Player' in focus as domestic T20 begins

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The domestic cricket season may have commenced last month with the Duleep Trophy. But the real deal will begin on Tuesday, with the league stage of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, one of the three inter-State senior men's cricket championships.

Besides witnessing whether Tamil Nadu can become the first team to register a hat-trick of domestic T20 titles, the tournament will also create a buzz with the BCCI introducing the 'Impact Player' concept, effectively a substitution rule that will challenge all the 38 teams.

In a full match, each team can replace a player with a reserve latest by the end of the 14th over of an innings.

As a result, the possibility of a team getting to use an additional batter or a specialist sixth bowler may result in the matches being even more intense.

Game-changer

"It's going to be a game-changer. The teams will need to be aware of when exactly it is to be used. It's going to be as good as a 12-a-side contest," Amol Muzumdar, the Mumbai head coach, told *The Hindu* from Rajkot.

Mumbai, just like other major teams, employed the 'Impact Player' at various stages during its warm-up games in Ahmedabad.

M. Venkatramana, the Tamil Nadu head coach, resonated with his Mumbai counterpart.

"It is definitely going to be a thinking game and we have to keep everyone on the bench on their toes. Everyone including the support staff has to be alert and it also keeps the players who are not playing to be mentally switched on to be ready to play, if needed," Venkatramana said from Lucknow.

The domestic T20 tournament has over the last decade been treated as a testing ground for the Indian Premier League. Multiple franchise scouts shortlist players from the tournament and then invite them for pre-auction trials every year. The BCCI has managed to convince its broadcasting partner to livestream/broadcast games from three different venues.

Tamil Nadu, having won back-to-back titles, will be a strong contender to celebrate Diwali on a happy note by qualifying for the knockouts. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has managed to let the teams enjoy the festive week with their near and dear ones, scheduling the league and the knockouts on either side of the festival of lights.

Of the 126 league games, 42 can be accessed live through livestreaming.

The Impact Player

A team can substitute any of the four reserves during the game

The Impact Player has to be used at or before the conclusion of the 14th over of an innings

A player, once substituted, cannot play any further part in the game. His replacement, however, can bowl his full quota of overs or bat in place of a dismissed batter

Tuesday's matches:

Group A (Rajkot): Mizoram vs Mumbai; Railways vs Uttarakhand; Assam vs Vidarbha; Madhya Pradesh vs Rajasthan.

Group B (Jaipur): Delhi vs Manipur; Goa vs Tripura; Pondicherry vs Uttar Pradesh; Hyderabad vs Punjab.

Group C (Mohali): Arunachal Pradesh vs Kerala; Jammu & Kashmir vs Meghalaya; Haryana vs Services; Karnataka vs Maharashtra.

Group D (Indore): Gujarat vs Himachal Pradesh; Baroda vs Nagaland; Andhra vs Saurashtra.

Group E (Lucknow): Bengal vs Jharkhand; Odisha vs Sikkim; Chhattisgarh vs Tamil Nadu.

Makhtoob springs a surprise in the feature event

RACING

HYDERABAD: The 20-to-1 long-shot Makhtoob, ridden by B. Nikhil, won the Mir Mushtaq Ali Khan Memorial Cup, the chief event of Monday's (Oct. 10) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Akhtar Adamji Peerbhoy, Mr. L. Arun Kumar & Mr. Ajay K. Arora. N. Ravinder Singh trains the winner. Jockey Akshay Kumar rode three winners on the day.

1. NIZAMABAD PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), Maiden 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45: **DESERT SULTAN** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Acrobat (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, My Master (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Wind Sprite (R.S. Jodha) 4. Shd, 1-1/4 and Hd. 1m, 15.34s. ₹42 (w), 11, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 53, SHW: 18 and 18, FP: 121, Q: 44, Tanala: 1,012. Favourite: Acrobat.
Owner: Mr. J. Vijay Raghvendra. Trainer: Sk. Waseem Ahmed.

2. SIKANDER E AZAM PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **HUMANITARIAN** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Path Of Peace (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Hugh Capet (D.S. Deora) 3 and Exclusive Spark (Mohit Singh) 4. Not run: Romero and Soorya Kiran. 5, 1-1/2 and 8-1/2. 1m, 41.15s. ₹19 (w), 13, 15 and 13 (p). SHP: 45, THP: 42, SHW: 14 and 41, FP: 86, Q: 59, Tanala: 218. Favourite: Humanitarian.
Owners: Mr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla & Mrs. Natasha A. Poonawalla rep. Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

3. NIZAMABAD PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m) Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **OK BOSS** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Precious Gift (Santosh Raj) 2, Hoping Cloud (Md. Ismail) 3 and Ivanhoe (Surya Prakash) 4. Not run: My Pleasure. 1, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2. 1m, 16.02s. ₹29 (w), 12, 14 and 62 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 161, SHW: 19 and 14, FP: 90, Q: 53, Tanala: 2,514. Favourite: Ok Boss.
Owners: Mr. Mirza Ayub Baig, Mr. Ashok Chukkla & Mr. A. Sandeep Kumar. Trainer: S.S.F. Hassan.

4. MANDATE PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **KINGSTON** (R.S. Jodha) 1, Kancha (Akshay Kumar) 2, Shazam (D.S. Deora) 3 and DRD (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 1/2, Hd and 2-3/4. 1m, 14.41s. ₹59 (w), 19, 15 and 43 (p). SHP: 41, THP: 116, SHW: 29 and 21, FP: 327, Q: 140, Tanala: 7,329. Favourite: The Akhanda.
Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

5. MIR MUSHTAQ ALI KHAN MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **MAKHTOOB** (B. Nikhil) 1, Royal Grace (Afroz Khan) 2, N R I Sun (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Sun Dancer (Kuldeep Singh) 4. 2, 3/4 and Shd. 1m, 27.74s. ₹269 (w), 51, 20 and 14 (p). SHP: 64, THP: 51, SHW: 71 and 49, FP: 3,124, Q: 1,051, Tanala: 13,349. Favourite: Arabian Queen.
Owners: Mr. Akhtar Adamji Peerbhoy, Mr. L. Arun Kumar & Mr. Ajay K. Arora. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

6. SADDLE UP PLATE (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): **HORSE O' WAR** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Ayur Tej (B. Rohit Kumar 2, First In Line (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Reining Queen (Deepak Singh) 4. 5-1/4, Nk and 3/4. 1m, 15.81s. ₹17 (w), 14, 31 and 19 (p). SHP: 89, THP: 64, SHW: 13 and 71, FP: 159, Q: 105, Tanala: 656. Favourite: Horse O' War.
Owner: Mr. Mukesh Pitti. Trainer: Pramjith S. Jubbal.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹18,896 (21 tkts.) & 30%: 5,001 (34 tkts.).
Treble: (i) 124 (419 tkts.), (ii) 5,974 (11 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: 8,069 (9 tkts.).

CRICKET

Harmanpreet, Rizwan win ICC awards for September

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan have been chosen for the ICC Player of the month awards for September. Harmanpreet received the award for her performance in the ODI series in England.

T20 WORLD CUP WARM-UP

Suryakumar shines as India beats Western Australia in practice game

Suryakumar Yadav continued his good form as the Indian team beat Western Australia CA XI by 13 runs in Perth on Monday.

The scores: India XI 158/6 in 20 overs (Suryakumar 52) bt WACA XI 145 (Arshdeep 3/6, Bhuvneshwar 2/26, Chahal 2/10).

KABADDI

U Mumba pips Yoddhas; Dabang proves too strong for Giants

U Mumba defeated UP Yoddhas 30-23 in Monday's opening match of the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru. Though the Yoddha defenders performed well, they couldn't stop U Mumba. In the other contest of the day, Dabang Delhi outplayed Gujarat Giants 53-33.

FORMULA ONE

Red Bull, Aston Martin breached cost cap rules in 2021: FIA

Red Bull and Aston Martin breached Formula One's cost cap rules last season, the sport's governing FIA said in a statement on Monday. According to FIA, Red Bull committed a procedural and minor overspend breach, and Aston Martin a procedural breach.

Weather and toss hold the key in ODI series decider

South Africa will hope that its pacers live up to their reputation to complement the combative middle-order; bowlers, except Kuldeep, need to step up for India

SA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Like the first One-Day International at Lucknow last week, another rain-shortened match appears to be in the offing at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground on Tuesday.

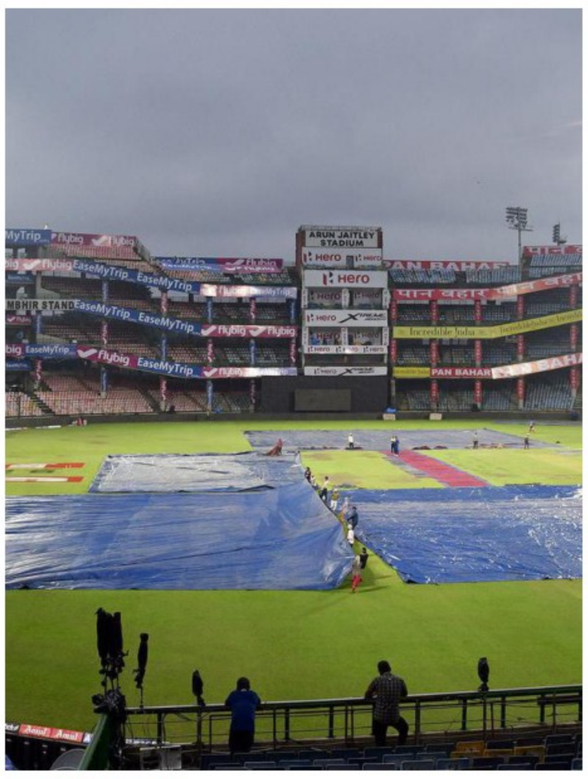
A day after India levelled the three-match series against South Africa at Ranchi, the teams stayed away from 'nets' on the eve of the series-deciding clash.

It has been raining since Saturday and the prospect of a 50-overs-a-side contest appears dull. Moreover, light drizzle and a persistent cloud-cover on Monday put a question mark over a timely start to the game. With a 40% chance of showers forecast for Tuesday morning, the groundsmen are keeping their fingers crossed.

So far, the middle-order batters have had their say in the series. For South Africa, if Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller got into the 70s at Lucknow, Reeza Hendricks and Aiden Markram did likewise in Ranchi.

Going into the decider, the form of its middle-order batters gives South Africa a clear edge.

However, the South Africa pacers have not performed to their reputation.



Uncertainty looms: It has been raining in Delhi since Saturday and there is a 40% chance of showers on Tuesday. R.V. MOORTHY

Also, it must be remembered that the decision of make-shift skipper Keshav Maharaj to opt to bat at Ranchi backfired.

With the onset of dew, India's chase of 279 became that much easier.

In fact, Shikhar Dhawan acknowledged how the visiting team's decision helped India's cause in the second match.

For both teams, the openers have given way for the middle-order batters to flourish. Shreyas Iyer is clearly riding a high following a 50 and an unbeaten 113. A yet-to-be dismissed Sanju Samson took time to make his presence felt. Ishan Kishan missed a well-deserved century before his home crowd but proved how instrumental his onslaught was for India.

However, with India going in with four batters, a wicketkeeper-batter, three inconsistent bowling all-rounders and three bowlers, a possible top-order collapse leaves India with inadequate insurance in a 50-over game.

Even in familiar conditions, the Indian spinners have not looked very threatening. Barring a hard-working Kuldeep Yadav, other spinners on view – Ravi Bishnoi, Washington Sundar and Shahbaz Ahmed – have failed to make an impression.

Given the prevailing weather conditions here, it is important for Dhawan to be lucky with the toss. Unlike in Ranchi, South Africa would love to ask India to bat under cloud cover and unleash its pacers.

So far, the skipper winning the toss has suffered a loss. Cut to the present, captains will be keen to reverse the trend.

The teams (from):

India: Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shreyas Iyer, Rajat Patidar, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan, Sanju Samson, Shahbaz Ahmed, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi, Mukesh Kumar, Avesh Khan, Mohammed Siraj and Washington Sundar.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock, Heinrich Klaasen, Reeza Hendricks, Janneman Malan, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Keshav Maharaj, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada and Tabraiz Shamsi.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

India ends league on top with a crushing nine-wicket win over hapless Thailand

Howzaat! Sneh Rana had the Thailand batters in a spin.
TWITTER/BCCI WOMEN

WOMEN'S ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

The Indian bowlers hardly broke sweat in dismissing Thailand for a paltry 37 before knocking off the runs in just six overs with nine wickets in hand to top the seven-team group league in the Women's Asia Cup, here on Monday.

The emphatic win was India's fifth victory in six games, with the only defeat coming in a low-scoring match against Pakistan.

India has 10 points and is expected to be joined by Pakistan, Sri Lanka and either Thailand or Bangladesh in the semifinals. Bangladesh has a match left and needs to win it for a better net run-rate (+0.423 after five games) over Thailand (-0.949 in six games).

Smriti elated

"A big shout out to all girls for making my 100th T20 International special," stand-in skipper Smriti said after the match.

The scores: Thailand 37 in 15.1 overs (Sneh Rana 3/9) lost to India 40/1 in 6 overs.

Toss: India.
Player-of-the-Match: Sneh Rana.

Substitute Karikari turns the match on its head before Rahim seals it for Chennaiyin

ISL-9

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Two-time champion Chennaiyin FC registered a fine comeback to beat ATK Mohun Bagan 2-1 in its opening ISL-9 fixture at the Salt Lake Stadium on Monday.

Chennaiyin trailed by Manvir Singh's goal in the first half before scoring twice in the second through substitute Kwame Karikari (penalty) and Rahim Ali. Chennaiyin goalkeeper Debjit Majumdar made two crucial saves in the opening phase of the match, clearing a shot from ATK MB striker Dimitri Petratos in the fifth minute and blocking Ashique Kuruniyan's effort 10 minutes later.

Full of heart: Rahim's strike in the 83rd minute reflected Chennaiyin's grit and determination. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

ATK MB was, however, not to be denied in the 27th minute.

Off a fine counterattack, Hugo Boumous rattled the Chennaiyin defence with a superb flick to set up Manvir. The latter then played a one-two with Petratos before finishing in style.

The contest turned on its head after the introduction of Ghanaian forward Karikari, who replaced Senegalese defender Fallou Diagne in the 59th minute. Chennaiyin equalised in the 64th when Karikari was felled by ATK MB goalkeeper Vishal Kaith. Karikari made no mistake from the spot. Rahim then sent the Chennaiyin dugout into raptures with a fine strike in the 83rd minute.

The result: Mohun Bagan 1 (Manvir Singh 27) lost to Chennaiyin FC 2 (Karikari 64-pen, Rahim Ali 83).
On Tuesday: JFC vs Odisha FC.

Karnataka shocks Haryana, earns a date with UP in final

NG HOCKEY

M.R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

Karnataka dumped national champion Haryana 3-1 to enter the men's hockey final of the 36th National Games at the Dhyanchand Hockey stadium here on Monday.

In the final, Karnataka will meet Uttar Pradesh which survived a gallant fight back from Maharashtra and prevailed 6-5 in the penalty shoot.

Haryana, after conceding an early goal, was playing the catch up game. A well-executed penalty corner drill saw Abharan Sudev deflect the ball in from close for the opening goal in the fourth minute.

Haryana scored the equaliser through a fast counter-attack when Kohinoor Preet Singh slotted in from close in the 17th minute.

Karnataka played with more freedom in the second half and went ahead in the 47th minute when Nikkin Thimmaiah drilled a shot from inside the D. Four minutes later, another quick move initiated by the hard-working Sunil left the Haryana defence in tatters and Harish Mutagar tapped in from close to complete a fine win.

I've done it! Harish's 51st-minute goal for Karnataka put the contest beyond Haryana. RITU RAJ KONWAR

The results (semifinals):
Karnataka 3 (Abharan Sudev 4, Nikkin Thimmaiah 47, Harish Mutagar 51) bt Haryana 1 (Kohinoor Preet Singh 17).
Uttar Pradesh 6 (Sumit 22, Sunil Yadav 30, Manish Yadav 37, Raj Kumar Pal, Rahul Kumar Rajbhar, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay) bt Maharashtra 5 (Aniket Gaurav 40, 47, Sayyad Niyaz Rahim 55, Darshan Gawkar, Yuvraj Walmiki).

Reigning supreme: Manipur players celebrate their triumph.
VIJAY SONEJI

Manipur women retain the crown

NG FOOTBALL

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Two first half goals helped Manipur beat Odisha 2-0 in the final and retain the women's football title in the National Games at the Eka Arena Transstadia here on Monday.

Manipur captain and ace India forward N. Bala Devi drew first blood in the 10th minute, while international N. Ratanbala Devi doubled the lead in the 36th. Coached by the legendary Oinam Bembem Devi, Manipur applied pressure from the beginning with Bala Devi leading the attack.

Odisha showed greater resolve and cohesion after the change of ends. It produced some long rangers and earned a few corners, but could not open its account.

Though Odisha searched for goals till late in the match it could not stop Manipur from securing the gold medal.

The results (final):
Manipur 2 (Bala Devi 10, Ratanbala 36) bt Odisha 0.
Bronze medal match: Tamil Nadu bt Assam 5-1.

Sumit proves too good for Ankit, meets Nikhil in last four

NG BOXING

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Thailand Open gold medallist Sumit Kundu's show of power tamed South Asian Games gold medallist Ankit Khatana in a men's 75kg quarterfinal bout at the boxing arena of the National Games here on Monday.

Sumit, who had a first round bye, recorded an impressive 4-0 win to set up a semifinal date with Nikhil Dubey of Maharashtra.

Amid trading of blows, Sumit stayed ahead by landing fast hands on Ankit. Ankit, who displayed some fine counters, lowered his guard and invited Sumit for more exchanges in the third round, but the Services boxer stayed safe and emerged as the winner.

The women's 66kg weight saw the fall of some achievers. World youth bronze medallist Astha Pahwa, who served two standing counts, was beaten 5-0 by Manipur's Alena Thounaojam. National champion Anjali Tushir was ousted by Elorda Cup bronze medallist Lalita with a 5-0 verdict.

However, World youth gold medallist Ankushita Boro sailed into the last-four.

Take that! Alena, right, landing one on Astha during her upset win in the quarterfinals. V.V. KRISHNAN

Important results (quarterfinals): Men: 75kg: Sumit Kundu (SSCB) bt Ankit Khatana (Har) 4-0, Nikhil Dubey (Mah) bt Buntee Singh (Del) 5-0; **80kg:** Sachin Kumar (SSCB) bt Kartik (Pun) 5-0, Vinit (Har) bt Rahul Rathi (Del) 3-2; **92kg:** Naveen Kumar (Har) bt Harish Yadav (UP) RSC-R2, Kanwarpreet Singh (Pun) bt Parvesh Musharaf (TN) 5-0, Sanjeet (SSCB) bt Harsh Kaushik (Del) RSC-R3; **+92kg:** Narender (SSCB) bt Sagar Singh (Utk) RSC-I R3, Reynold Joseph (Mah) bt Tarun Sharma (Raj) 4-1, Mohit (Har) bt Jaipal Singh (Pun) 3-2.
Women: 57kg: Jamuna Boro (Asm) bt Sapna Sharma (Raj) 5-0, Mandeep Kaur (Pun) bt Radha Patidar (MP) 5-0; **66kg:** Ankushita Boro (Asm) bt Paramjit Kaur (Guj) RSC-R2, Lalita (Raj) bt Anjali Tushir (Del) 5-0, Alena Thounaojam (Man) bt Astha Pahwa (UP) 5-0, Komalpreet Kaur (Pun) bt Shruti Yadav (UP) 4-1.

INBRIEF

Mitchell gets World Cup nod after hand fracture

New Zealand's Daryl Mitchell said on Monday he would play in the Twenty20 World Cup despite fracturing his hand last week. Mitchell suffered the injury in training, but the batsman has been given the green light for the World Cup which starts on Sunday in Australia, though he could miss New Zealand's opening match.

India wins DICC T20 Champions Trophy

The Indian team clinched the Deaf International Cricket Council T20 Champions Trophy beating South Africa by 39 runs at the Malek Stadium in Ajman (UAE). India, the only undefeated team in the tournament, posted 140 for four in 20 overs and bowled out South Africa for 101. Put in, skipper Virendra Singh (50 not out) and Indrajeet Yadav (40) contributed with the willow.

LIVE TELECAST

National Games: DD Sports, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 a.m. onwards
T20I tri-series: Prime Video, 7.30 a.m.
Women's Asia Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.
India vs South Africa: 3rd ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
Pro Kabaddi: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 9 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Ten 1, 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 p.m.; Sony Ten 1, 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

India aims to spring a surprise on USA

Brazil begins its campaign against Morocco while favourite Germany takes on Nigeria and Chile meets New Zealand in the day's other matches

WOMEN'S U-17 WC

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

The seventh edition of the FIFA under-17 women's World Cup kicks off here on Tuesday.

Three venues – Kalinga Stadium (Bhubaneswar), DY Patil Stadium (Navi Mumbai) and Pandit Jawaharlal Stadium (Goa) – will host 36 matches, with 16 teams from around the world set to battle it out for honours.

Four matches will be played on the first day, the games involving Group A and Group B at Bhubaneswar and Goa respectively.

Brazil will start its campaign against debutant Morocco. Being the first country from North Africa to make it to the tournament, the latter faces an uphill battle against the 2022 CONMEBOL under-17 champion which will have Johnson leading the attack.

India will look to upstage USA in its opening fixture.

"Our preparations have been really good. We started in late February this year and we have had almost 270 sessions, including running, football and technical meetings. Of course, the girls have developed a lot," said head coach Thomas Dennerby.

Lynda Kom Serto, the standout performer of the team at the age-group tournaments and most recently at the under-18 SAFF championship, will be watched with interest.

USA, on the other hand, will be keen to do better this time after finishing at the bottom of its group the last time around.

The fresh set of players, under former Barcelona head coach Natalia Astrain, has been training in earnest. It has been aggressive in its approach and clinical in set-pieces.

In Goa, favourite Germany will take on Nigeria while Chile, which is back in the mix after a 12-year gap, will take on New Zealand which had finished third in the previous edition in 2018.

Fully prepared: India head coach Dennerby is confident of a good show. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Facile win for Bangalore Independents FC

Bangalore Independents FC defeated ADE FC 4-1 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Monday.

The results: Bangalore Independents FC 4 (Raja Ganapathy 34, K. Senthil Kumar 45, Shan Jose 72, U.K. Surya 79) bt ADE FC 1 (P. Sandeep Krishnan 13); ASC & Center FC 1 (Md. Rajak 61) bt Kodagu FC 0; Kickstart FC 4 (Shelton Paul 42, Princewill Emeka Clariche 6, 65, 84) bt Rebels FC 0.

Deshna, Tavanth and Parnavi triumph

Deshna M. Vanshika defeated Sahana H. Murthy 11-7, 11-4, 11-3, 6-11, 6-11, 6-11, 12-10 to secure the under-17 girls' title at the State-ranking table tennis tournament hosted by the Malleswaram Association.

Champion: The Mounts Club squad that won the girls' title in the State junior basketball championship. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Other results (finals): U-15: Boys: Tavanth Nerlaje bt Teshub Dinesh 5-11, 11-13, 11-8, 11-6, 11-3, 14-12.
Girls: Parnavi bt Himanshi Chowdhary 13-11, 3-11, 11-13, 11-9, 11-9, 11-3.

India qualifies for AFC Under-17 Asian Cup

Press Trust of India
DAMMAM (SAUDI ARABIA)

India secured a berth for next year's AFC U-17 Asian Cup despite losing 1-2 to Saudi Arabia in the final qualification match on Sunday. Talal Haji (22nd, 58th) scored for Saudi Arabia before India reduced the margin through Thanglalsoun Gangte (90+5). India qualified as one of the six best second-placed teams having beaten Maldives (5-0), Kuwait (3-0) and Myanmar (4-1).

Barcelona's nervy win puts it back on top

FOOTBALL

Agence France-Presse
BARCELONA

Pedri's 17th minute goal helped Barcelona earn an agonising 1-0 win over Celta Vigo to move back top of *La Liga* on Sunday.

Cristiano Ronaldo struck the 700th club goal of his career as Manchester United came from behind to beat Everton 2-1.

Napoli is alone at the top of Serie A after a 4-1 win at Cremonese.

The results: LaLiga: Real Sociedad 1 (Mendez 32) bt Villarreal 0; Barcelona 1 (Pedri 17) bt Celta Vigo 0.
Premier League: Everton 1 (Iwobi 5) lost to Manchester United 2 (Antony 15, Ronaldo 44).
Serie A: Cremonese 1 (Dessers 47) lost to Napoli 4 (Politano 26-pen, Simeone 76, Lozano 90+3, Olivera 90+5); Roma 2 (Smalling 6, Dybala 48-pen) bt Lecce 1 (Strefezza 39).

Champions League fixtures
Maccabi Haifa vs Juventus; Copenhagen vs Man City (10.15 p.m. Tuesday)
PSG vs Benfica, Dinamo Zagreb vs RB Salzburg, Dortmund vs Sevilla, AC Milan vs Chelsea, Shakhtar Donetsk vs Real Madrid, Celtic vs RB Leipzig (12.30 a.m. Wednesday).

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